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Bhutto says war no solution

CAIRO (R) — Pakistani Prime Minister Benzzir Bimito held out an olive branck to India Sunday, offering talks and saying war was no solution to the Kanhair dispute. "The conflict will not lead to a settlement ... we are the Kashmir dispute. "The conflict will not lead to a settlement ... we are prepared to start a dislogue with India for a peaceful and political solution to the Kashmir problem," she told reporters. The two neighbouring states are at daggers drawn over the mountainous region, sovereignty over which is split between them, with each accusing the other of war preparations. Bhatto, who arrived in Egypt Sunday on the sixth leg of an eight-state identic tour to drum up support for her cause, said India had repeatedly spurmed attempts at peace tailor. India, she said, was trying to implicate Pakistan in what she called a home-grown desire for the right to self-determination. "I believe the solution is to have a dialogue and reach a political settlement of the Kashmir issue in accordance with U.N.

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AMMAN (Petra) - His Majosty King Hussein, the Supreme Com-mander of the Jordanian Armed e of Min Forces, Sunday peid a visit to the Armed Forces Headquarters casuring to come to co where he was received by Chief of Staff General Pathi Abu Taleb, his assistants and the commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Porce as well as the Armed Forces inspector general. The King met with Abu Talch for a white and discussed with him a number of issues of interest to the Armed Forces. The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Shapf Zeid Ben Shaker

ABC sets price for share issue

BAHRAIN (R) - Arab Banking Corporation BSC, the Arab World's largest bank, has set a \$14 share price for a new issue of 25 million shares beginning Tuesday, the lead manager for the TITY, CH offering in the Arab World said. t-grade me Enzar Ahmad, vice president of iding Box the Rivadh-based Consulting the Riyadh-based Consulting big bad w Centre for Finance and Investment (CCFI) told Reuters most of the \$350 million share offering would be privately placed, mainly with investors in the Arab World. youngster: Five million shares were carementalize marked for firms and investors outside the area while the remaking 2.5 million would be sold idmother to the public on the Bahyain strick exchange, Ahmad said. "Legally, no limit has been fixed on the why give amount of shares being sold in Babrain but in practice the bulk are being offered through private placement," he said.

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jes and on TEL AVIV (R) - The Israeli ith foodul army is developing a non-lethal builter made of hardened sand to combat the 29 month-old Palestinian uprising, military sources said Sunday. The sources said the sand ammunition, expected to go into service with a new rubbe ballet within a few months, would give soldiers an effective deterrent at short range. In July 1988 the army introduced plastic bullets as an alternative to live ammunition but official figures show they killed 125 Arabs by January 1990. Later plasticcosted metal poliets were used but doctors estimate they also killed scores of protesters.

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rs auctor's TRIPOLI (R) -- Libys has called for immediate international belo nr Violoso to eliminate a flesh-cating parasite threatening to take hold among livestock in North Africa. African ministers at a United ethoven's at s. An with Nations-sponsored meeting in Tripoli backed Libya's appeal for a major operation to destroy the American "screwworm fly" which tays its eggs in warmblooded animals, including man. The larvae cat the flesh of their host as they batch, asseally killing forth de Libyan scientists discovered the about one fifth of their victims. N (AP)

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Algerian journalist to start.new television station

ALGIERS (R) - A promisent Algerian journalist plans a commercial television station, only the second in the Arab World to be privately owned. Kamel Belat more is kacem, former director of the liberal weekly Algeric Acqualite, told Renters Sunday be and Algorian martners would form a broadcasting company shortly and the station itself could be set up next year. Talks were under way with potential foreign partners for rechnical and financial help, inchediae International Broadcasting System of the United States, Belkacen said. The station would broadcast to North Africa and Europe a blend of sports, suitic, talk shows and film 20 hours a Viteria ile ivis resident day in Arabic, French and English. Part of the day's programpaying subscribers only. Moroo-co's Casablanca-based 2M laternational, available only to paying from the fighting or from famine subscribers, is currently the only it cannot be fighting or from famine independent television station in Goelogic Riskad M. Kobessy, Mericani Rethe Arab World

New massacre of Palestinans Israeli gunman kills 8 in cold blood while army shoots dead another 8; over 700 wounded

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -An israeli gunman shot and killed at seast eight Palestinians at a pick-up point for workers Sunday in what was clearly seen as a premeditated attack, and Israeli forces shot and killed another eight Palestinians and wounded about 700 others in widespread

protests that followed. According to dispatches filed by international news agencies, an Israeli man wearing army fatigues, rounded up Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip for a begus identity check and opened fire, on with an automatic rifle in a field, nicknamed "the slave market," where Gazans wait for day labour at building sites. Eight people were killed and 10 others

were wounded in the massacre. As news of the killing spread, thousands of Palestinians defied Israeli-imposed curiews and other measures and took to the streets of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to protest the attack, and Israeli forces shot and killed at least eight of them and wounded over 700, according to reports from hospitals and

United Nations clinics, The attack occurred at 6 a.m. about 100 motres from a main highway outside the town of Rishon Lezion about eight

Minister Eduard Shevardnadze

said he has asked the United

States to raise immigration

quotes for Soviet citizens, espe-

Baker told a separate news con-

ference he had expressed concern

to Soviet officials about reports of

anti-semitic incidents in the

The two men spoke to repor-

ters after four days of talks to

prepare for a superpower summit

in Washington at the end of the

Shevardnadze said he told Bak-

er the superpowers should press

Israel to stop settling Soviet Jews in the occupied territories. But

this problem could be eased if

Washington raised its immigra-

"We said we would take a

positive view if the United States

would raise its quotas to allow

more Soviet immigrants into the

"We did not name a figure, I

United States," he said.

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Moscow asks U.S. to

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MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign United States has been increasing

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seeing," he said.

kilometres south of Tel Aviv where Arab workers from the Gaza Strip gather to be picked up for jobs in Israel.

Witnesses told police the Israeli. aged 20 or 21, armed with a U.S.made M-16 assault tifle emerged from the brubes and demanded that identification papers from some of the

He then sprayed gunlire until his clip was empty.

"After be took their identification cards be started shooting without stopping from a close range. He didn't stop until he raw out of

mmunition," said a doctor who treated patients at the scene. Some of the wounded fell with their intestines spilling out," added

Five of the Palestinians were in critical condition after being struck in the chest or abdomen and others were less seriously wounded with leg and arm wounds

Israel army radio said the evacua-tion of wounded was slow and that Israeli passersby did not stop to help. Police said the killer, who was not identified by name, escaped in a white Peugeot he stole at the scene and was apprehended shortly afterwards when he sought refuge at a girlfriend's house.

The army immediately imposed a curiew on the entire Gaza Strip and the West Bank cities of Nablus and Hebron.

But thousands of Palestinians defied the curiew, burning tyres, erect-

the quota already, to about

emigration policies, more Soviet

Jews are leaving than the United

States has been willing to accept.

Most of the remainder are flock-

Israel expects 150,000 Soviet

Baker said that during talks

with Shevardnadze and Soviet

President Mikhail Gorbachev he

raised U.S. concerns about anti-

Semitism in the Soviet Union

'and the vital need for the Soviet

Union to speak out strongly

Baker did not elaborate.

Shevardnadze, asked about

Baker's comments, said there had

"I don't think the rise of anti-

Jews to arrive this year.

As Moscow liberalises its

ing street barricades every few metres that we cannot allow to happen and attacking army patrols with rocks

and petrol bombs, witnesses said. Arab workers returned to the Gaza Strip in a long convoy of cars, trucks and buses, flashing headlights, hooting borns, waving black shirts in mourning and crying "Allabu

In the Jabaliya refugee camp. where the uprising began Dec. 8, 1985, four army helicopters fired teargas at masses of people who attacked army outposts. They said soldiers on rooftops fired in the air and then shot

In Nablus, angry youths burned tyres in the streets and hurled rocks at soidiers, reporters said. An unknown number of Palestinians were wounded when the troops opened fire to quell the demonstration, they added. Witnesses said the army used heli-

tear-gas and, in one case, stones on In Jabalya troops stormed a U.N. clinic after being stoned from inside the compound.

copters and spotter planes to drop

Near the Gaza headquarters of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), soldiers took cover behind trees and around street corners, firing intermittently at a large crowd of stone-

Police said the Israeli who carried out the killings early Sunday was "mentally deranged." However, subsequent police statements contra-dicted the theory. Israeli Police Commissioner

Yaacov Turner said the suspect had been discharged after brief army service and had stolen the gun and uniform from his brother.

motive was "disappointment over love," but police were investigating other motives, including political

Photographers said pools of blood stained the road at the shooting scene. Investigators sifted through the belongings of the casualties gathering them in plastic bags.
The Palestine Liberation Organisa

tion (PLO) called for an urgent session of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the massacre. Jordan, Egypt and the Arab League condemned the attack and Palestinian movements called for vengeance.
"This incident has rekindled the

fire of the intifada," an Israeli official "It is like the car accidents which

started the uprising," he said in a reference to killing of four Palestinians in the Gaza Strip Dec. 8, 1987 Palestinian leaders in Arab-Jerusalem called a three-day general strike in protest and 50 leading activ-ists announced they were starting an indefinite hunger strike to demand

Semitism we see is in any way U.N. action to protect Arabs in the contrived. I believe the leadoccupation zone.
"We will not sit still while they kill enship of the Soviet Union regrets the increased incidents we are us like this. Whatever happens will be their responsibility, not ours," senior nationalist leader Faisal Ai Husseini

In Cairo, Nabil Shaath, political adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Araiat, announced the group's call for a U.N. debate, "We are demanding that an international team of investigators travels to the occupied territorics immediately," he told a

news conference.
Shieth said the attack was e direct result of what he called an Israeli, campaign to whip up haired of Araba, citing the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in Israel for which Jewish extremists have been blamed. Egypt said the killing was a result

of Israel's failure to commit itself to negotiations with Palestinians. "Fighters of the Palestinian revolu tion should hit Israeli targets inside and outside the occupied territories," said Abdul-Hadi Nashash, spokes-

ic and said it showed the need for a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

vital for the protection of Palestin demn the incident. President Chains Herzog said in a

red by acts of lunsey such as these." Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told a cabinet meeting: "What occurThe PLO also made a formal pro-

test to the United States Sunday, holding the American government responsible for "Israeli genocide op-erations" against Palestinians, the Palestinian news agency WAFA re-

The PLO's permanent representative to Tunisis Hakam Balaoui submitted the protest note to the U.S. embassy, the agency said.
The PLO has said that the shooting

was premeditated, with Israeli soldiers carrying out identity checks first to make sure no Israelis would be

This bloody attack was committed by Israeli soldiers who first did an identity check to make sure there were no Israelis in the group of Palestinian workers targeted," said a statement signed by Bassam Abu Sharif, aide to Arafat. Arafat also called on Palestinians

to demonstrate in "every village, every city and every camp" in the occupied territories following Sunday's shooting, WAFA reported. Arafat said the Palestinian people should "impose their law in their own country by defying the fascist (Israeli) military order and organising demon-

strations and marches in every village, every city and every camp of the Israeli-occupied territory," WAFA WAFA said he urged Palestinians to make the flare-up of violence in the Gaza Strip a "demonstration of Palestinian unity and one of the main

aspects of the intifada."

Jordan urges incressed supportfor

terrorist state. Prime Minister Mudar Badran Sunday called on the superpowers to condemn the killing of right Palestinian workers by an Israeli imman and reaffirmed Jordan's call for including effective support for the

the May 28 Arab summit in Baghdad.
"Even before I heard the Israeli the Al Aqsa Mosque (in occupied Jerusalem)," Badran was quoted as saying by the Jordan News Agency,

Petra, and Jordan Television.

Palestinians against terrorist istaet

Palestinian intifada in the agenda for

comment on the crime, I expected that the Israelis would issue a statement blaming the attack on a de-ranged or schizo similar to the claim they made after the (1968) arson at

"The israeli authorities are authorities of terror against the Palestinian people," Badran said, "They encourage state terrorism, government ter-rorism, and terrorism by their Zionist citizens against the Palestinian people in all aspects of their existence... they demolish their homes and kill their

Instead of encouraging Jewish immigration to the occupied territories in the name of human rights, the superpowers should denounce the of terrorism not only demands criticism from Arab states but also from the superpowers, the United States

AMMAN — Describing Israel as a and the Soviet Union, which founded Israel," he said. "It is a black day," said the prime minister. "But God willing, it will be black for the Zionist movement and the Zionist state."

He called effective Arab moves to end the "suffering of the Palestinian people at the hands of the occupation The issue should be included in the

agenda for the Baghdad summit with a view to "ensuring enough and active support for the Palestinian uprising and the Palestinian people in their resistance against the occupation authorities," he said. Pointing out that the eight victims

of the Israeli gunman were Palestilivelihood by working for Israelis, Badran also called for Arab support for Palestinian workers in the occupied territories so that they are not forced to seek work in Israel. Earlier, an official spokesman

quoted by Petra described Sunday's killings as a "barbarous act (which) follows a series of extremist and racial Israeli actions aimed at terrorising Palestinians and forcing them to leave their homeland "

"This ugly and racial crime reminde us of the crimes committed by the Stern, Irgun and Haganah gangs in Palestine," said the spokesman, re-

killings carried out by the three underground Jewish terrorist groups against Palestinians during and im mediately after the British mandate of Palestine.

Sunday's attack "is a natural result of the rising wave of Israeli extremism that is nourished by the intransigent policies of the Israeli rulers and is not different from the racist crimes committed against blacks in South Afri-

ca," the spokesman said. He called on the 'civilised world and all human right activists to denounce this ugly crime and condemn all practices and policies that led to it," and said the international community should offer protection to the

Condemnation of the killings were also issued by Jordan's Parliament speakers and other leading personali

Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi said: "Such crimes as those committed by Israelis were not carried out by any other racist regime or the Nazis themselves."

"Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people violate all divine and man-made legislation and human rights," he said. Such actions, he said, "kill all hopes of peace in the region." (Continued on page 3)

Iraq to invite Syria to summit

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said Sunday President Saddam Hussein would send an envoy to Damascus to invite Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to the Arab

summit in Baghdad May 28. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Hussein took the decision after a telephone conversation with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday. It did not elaborate and did not say when the envoy would leave for

The announcement marked a major step by Hussein to end his long-running feud with Assad, who has refused to attend the

Baghdad session.

A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official met Syrian leaders in Damascus Sunday for talks apparently aimed at persuading Syria to attend the summit, Palestinian and Arab diplomats reported.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Hani Al Hassan, political and security adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, arrived without fanfare in the Syrian capital Saturday. The PLO and the Syrians have not officially announced the visit by Hassan, who is also a member of the Central Committee of Fateh, the day he hoped Algerian President biggest guerrilla group in the

Hasan is the highest ranking PLO official to visit Syria in more than two years.

the PLO chairman visited Damascus April 24, 1988, in an abortive attempt to end a feud with Assad triggered by a mutiny by Palestinmian hardliners in

The sources gave no details of Hassan's talks or of the nature of his mission.

He accompanied Arafat when

Arafat said in Algiers Wednes-

cus Friday with a message for Assad. Assad has insisted that the summit venue and agenda must first be discussed at an emergency meeting of foreign ministers of the 22-member Arab League in

Chadli Benjedid would persuade

Assad to attend the summit.

Algerian Foreign Minister Sid

Amad Ghozali arrived in Damas-

But Iraq has said the summit will go ahead as planned in Bagh-

dad, preceded May 22 by a fore-ign ministers meeting to set the

Arab panel meets on Lebanon in Sunday to halt street battles

between rival Shi'ite Muslim fac-

tions in which at least three peo-

ple were killed and 25 wounded.

Police said Syrian officers with

builhorns moved through the

battle-scarred districts of Bourj

Abn Haidar, Mossaitbeh and

Nuwairy warning that they have

orders to shoot to kill anyone

threatening security.

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Arab foreign ministers trying to end 15 years of civil war in Lebanon met for talks in Riyadh Sunday, the Sandi Press Agency (SPA) said.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the ministers from Saudi Arabia. Morocco and Algeria comprising the Arab League committee on Lebanon -- discussed "various aspects of the Lebanese crisis and current derelopments in Lebanon."

It said Lakhdar Ibrahimi, the Arah League's envoy to Lebanon, and the Moroccan and Algerian ambassadors to Saudi Arabia also attended the meeting.

The committee will submit a

report to an Arah summit open-ing in Baghdad May 28. Amal-Hizboliah battles

In Beirut, Syrian troops moved

BUCHAREST (AP) - Roma-

Sunday for free elections, formal-

ly ending 44 years of communist

part monopoly in their country

and charting a course for its entry

million registered voters were

representatives to the two-

Lines of 200 people or more

into a market economy.

chamber parliament.

Soldiers with automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade launchers patrolled the streets where fighting raged for 11 hours from dusk Saturday to shortly before dawn Sunday.

The fighters from the fun-damentalist Iranian-backed Hizbollah, and the pro-Syriah Amal militia battled with jeep-inounted cannons, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

The Syrians Sunday encountered no resistance when they moved through the deserted streets, flattening earth barricades and dismantling sandbagged positions used by both sides.

In East Beirut and the Christian hinterland north of the capital, police reported that sporadic sniping marred a two-day-old lull in fighting between Michel Aoun's troops and Christian warlord Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces militia.

No casualties were reported in the enclave, where the rival factions have been fighting since Jan. 30 for control of the enclave. At least 1,031 people have been killed and 2,769 wounded in the showdown, which has so far failed to produce a clear-cut vic-

Mandela steps up pressure on Pretoria

CAIRO (Agencies) — Black nationalist Nelson Mandela is trying to wrest the political initiative from South Africa's white rulers by offering a truce in his followers' armed struggle if Pretoria takes solid steps to dismantle apartheid. On arrival in Egypt Saturday

evening, Mandela threw down his challenge to South African President F.W. de Klerk

"We are prepared to consider a cessation of hostilities, not the end of the armed struggle. We are prepared to consider a truce."

Mandela said. For the African National Congress (ANC), the main black opposition group of which Mandela is the vice-president, the bedrock of its negotiations with

Pretoria for a non-racial, democratic South Africa is its ability to wage guerrilla war. Mandela arrived here Saturday on a two-day official visit to brief

President Hosni Mubarak on efforts to dismantle racial segregation in his country. The ANC leader, was expected waited up to five-and-a-half hours to thank Mubarak, who is the

current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, for Egypt's help in winning his re-While in Cairo, Mandela was

also to meet with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat

been some "isolated incidents of the kind." should say in fairness that the Major earthquake rocks south Sudan

CAIRO (AP) - A major earth search Institute of Astronomy cairo (AP) — a major caru-quake rocked southern Sudan and Geophysics, said the quake early Sunday near the civil war-corn region's largest city, which is (0222GMT), registered by crammed with displaced people.

Experts said widespread damage was virtually certain. although none was reported immediately. They said the gical Service in Menlo Park. Caliepicenter was only 96 kilometres northeast of Juba, southern-Sudan's largest city with a population more than doubled from its normal 125,000 by peo-

ple floring the war. Most of southern Sudan except for major cities are controlled by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Organisation (SPLO), Western relief workers are posted ingovernment-controlled Juba and other cities.

- The rebellion over allocation of political power and development funds has continued for seven years. Hundreds of thousands have died, mainly civilians, either

president of Egypt's National Re- Kebeasy said.

Egypt's two principal monitoring stations at 7.5 on the Richter Scale of ground motion. A spokeswoman at the U.S. Geoloforms, reported identical data.

"It's such a big quake that the monitoring stations are saturated with data, so it's difficult to get everything precise right now," Kebeasy said, "But we agree on

the time and the magnitude. This is an extremely dangerous earthquake. It is the first time that such a quake has struck this

Kebeasy, an expert on earthquakes of northeast Africa, said the epicenter is just west of the great African rift. That earthquake zone stretches 6,400 kilometres from Mozambique through the Red Sea to Lebanon. Its proximity to the rift

accounts for the quake's ferocity,

man for Fatch uprising based in Syria. A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) urged Palestinians to attack Jewish soldiers and settlers, "This massacre is part of the Israeli campaign against our people," the spokesman said in Damascus. Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi called the killing barbar-

"The total climination of the Israeli presence in the occupied areas is now and the peace and accurity of the Middle East," Kibbi said in Tunis. Israeli icaders were quick to con-

Among the early voters were Interim President Ion Iliescu, the statement: "Every person and the entire nation shudder and are abhorfrontrunger in the three-way presidential contest, and the three children of executed dictared was a shocking act of madness tor Nicolae Ceausescu, who are

awaiting trial on charges of complicity with their father's governnians crowded voting stations ment.

"I am voting for the first time in free Romania," said Ioan Hurmuzachi, 67, waiting outside a Bucharest polling centre. "I voted in the past under Ceausescu, but it was very clear it was not

snaked out of voting centres on real voting." the clear, windy day. The 16 "We don't care which candichoosing a president and 506 dates for president are elected, we just want the communists defeated," said Margareta Paraschiv. 53, in Bucharest, adding that she considered lliescu a com-

Officials delayed the closure of polling stations after it became clear that all Romanians could

Romanians crowd to vote not cast their votes by the 11 p.m. (2000GMT) deadline. The central electoral bureau

> scheduled closing time would be allowed to cast their votes, In Bucharest, thousands of people were queuing outside polling stations at 8 p.m. (1700 GMT). Some voters said they had

said in a statement all voters

waiting at polling booths at the

More than 80 parties ran candidates for parliament, but only half a dozen parties were considered likely to win seats under

the proportional representation

Radical Afghans threaten relief groups

PESHAWAR (AP) — Humanitarian aid groups were attacked for the second time in less than a month by anti-Western Muslim fundamentalists worried about a superpower settlement of the war in Afghanistan, officials said Sunday.

Shelter Now International, financed by Christian groups to coordinate reconstruction projects and provide aid to widows and children in Afghanistan, said it was considering shutting down its operation following the attack, in which a security guard was beaten and supplies destroyed.

Also, a relief group financed by the Austrian government re-ported that its office was ransacked, vehicles and documents stolen, and workers threatened with death, officials said.

No one claimed responsibility for either attack. But officials and Western diplomats blamed radical youth groups linked to Hebz-I-Islami, or Party of God, the most anti-Western of seven resistance parties, for a rash of attacks and threats against the 135 private relief organisations headquartered in Peshawar.

A spokesman for Hebz-I-Islami's leader, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, labelled the allegations "slanderous propaganda for refusing to obey Western dictates."

Diplomats said the violence has escalated as frustrations increased at the guerillas' inability to remove the Communist-style government in Afghanistan and with frequent reports that the United States and the Soviet Union are close to an agreement that would end the bloody stalemate and sideline the fundamentalist groups.
These guys think the West is

selling them out and they've found a convenient stick to pick up and beat. And now that they're getting a response, the attacks will probably become more frequent," said one Westem diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The guerrillas' government-inexile, reeling from deep divisions and internal feuds, has been silent about the attacks. Relief organisations are threatening to close unless the Pakistan govern-

NICOSIA (R) — Iran has con-

firmed it held talks with Saudi

Arabia to try to end a dispute

over the annual Muslim pilgrim-

age to Mecca but accused Riyadh of blocking a solution.

"To show our goodwill we sent a delegation to Saudi Arabia in

an attempt to remove the hurdle

in the way of sending pilgrims,"

Iran's News Agency (IRNA)

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ment guarantees their protection. The attacks started in late April at the huge Nasir Bagh Refugee Camp about 15 kilometres outside Peshawar. About 5,000 Muslim fundamentalists urged on by religious clerics attacked several projects run by Shelter Now Interna-

The organisation was attacked again Saturday at a small village in Afghanistan's Nangarhar pro-

About 100 Afghans shouting "down with foreigners" and "death to Afghans who work for foreigners" attacked a 3-monthold reconstruction project partially funded by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, said project coordinator Mike Hail. He said the attackers badly beat a security guard and destroyed 150 bags of concrete, 12 tons of wheat and a tractor-

Hail said another security guard escaped to a nearby camp of guerrillas who had promised to protect the project. The guerrillas, belonging to a rival faction of Hebz-I-Islami, offered the guard sanctuary but refused to try to stop the attack, he said.

'We're afraid to send anyone in to check it out" Hail said. Other relief agencies claimed that Shelter Now workers prompted the attacks by distributing Bibles and religious material and trying to convert Muslim Afghans. Shelter Now officials

denied the allegations. On Thursday and Friday nights, gunmen overpowered four security guards at the headquarters of the Austrian Relief Committee, cut the telephone lines, ransacked the offices and stole numerous documents and two vehicles, officials said.

They also left behind a Hezb-I-Islami newspaper and wrote "the same thing will happen to you" beside the names of two people

Saturday quoted Minister of Cul-

ture and Islamic Guidance

Mohammad Khatami as saying.

vious policy and blocked a soluti-

on to the problem," Khatami

He said direct and indirect

talks had been held but gave no

other details. Gulf-based diplo-

mats earlier said First Deputy

ANNOUNCEMENT

interested in joining the society to submit their application form to

attache in the Indian embassy, Jabal Amman, Tel. 637262, or the

General Union of Voluntary Societies, Jabal Luweibdeh Tel.

from the announcement, which will be followed with the annual

meeting of the General Assembly of the Society.

The Jordan-India Friendship Society invites all who are

The forms could be obtained from the office of the cultural

The application form will be received no later than fifteen days

"The Saudis stuck to their pre-

progress in pilgrimage talks

Angry mobs also tried to storm the International Medical Corp. Hospital recently but fled when armed security guards fired into the air, officials said. Attack on relief workers who cross from Pakistan into Afghanistan have increased in the past month, they

Tension is palpable in this frontier town, which has served as the staging arena for the seven guerrilla groups trying to overthrow the government of Afghan President Najibullah.

Muslim fundamentalists who one vented their fury at the Soviet army during its nine-year intervention are now targeting Western aid workers and Afghan refugees who work for them.

"Hate USA" is painted on streets and buildings, and letters circulating through the refugee camps around Peshawar warn of Western corruption in the refugee camps and threaten women who work in their relief program-

While citing safety concerns, many relief workers day they fear that weapons stockpiled in the refugee camps may be turned on them if agencies shut down.

"There has been an enormous increase in attacks on aid programmes and it's getting worse, said one worker for Britishfunded Afghanaid, the second largest private relief group in

"These guys are highly armed and the (guerrilla) commanders can no longer guarantee our security inside Afghanistan," said the worker, insisting on anonymity. "There are more people in serious need of help now than in the last six years, and the barriers of irresponsible elements keeping us from getting through are bigger and tougher and wider than ever before."

In a separate development, Afghan guerrillas claimed Saturday they shot down a government jetfighter and seized a large cache of weapons in fighting outside the arid southern city of Kandahar.

Kandahar is a stronghold of Afghanistan's monarchists, who are pushing for the return of the former king now living in exile

Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad

Besharati met Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sand Al Faisal in

Riyadh Monday and Tuesday.

The meeting was the first

known diplomatic contact be-

tween the two states since Riyadh

Iran has boycotted the pilgrim-

age to Mecca and Medina since

cut ties in April 1988.

Executive Committee

Ethiopian forces attack rebels near Asmara

ADDIS ABABA (R) - Ethiopian forces have attacked and destroyed rebel forces who were shelling the airport of Asmara, capital of the northern Eritrean province, the official Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) reported

Asmara has been under siege since the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) captured the Red Sea port Massawa in February and cut the 100 kilometre highway linking the

The ENA said what it called the rebel attempt to dismember Ethiopia had been "defused" and their forces destroyed.

It added that the Ethiopian army and local militia were engaged in a fierce struggle against the combined forces of the EPLF and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) around Massawa and in southern Eritrea.

The agency gave no details of the fighting, but the EPLF said last week that its forces were shelling Asmara as fierce fighting raged on a front 30 kilometres

from the city. The ENA said the two rebel groups had joined to attack government forces with the aim of dividing Ethiopia. The attacks on Asmara airport were also meant to block an airlift of relief food to famine victims in the region, it

Since the loss of Massawa, Asmara has been dependent on airborne supplies for its population of about a million civilians and 100,000 troops. Ethiopia has appealed for in-

ternational funds to finance a large-scale airlift for an estimated four million famine victims in the

In a warning telexed to Reuters in Nairobi, the EPLF told the Soviet Union to keep its ships away from Red Sea areas held by

The warning follows an attack by EPLF gunboats last week on a Soviet tanker in the Red Sea. The Soviet Union said Friday it would defend its ships in the area.

Iran blames Riyadh for blocking Moroccan government defeats no confidence motion

RABAT (R) - The first motion of no confidence in the Moroccan government in 26 years was defeated by 200 votes to 83 after a stormy all-night parliamentary

With four pro-government parties having an absolute majority in the Chamber of Representatives the rejection of the censure motion Sunday was expected.

The motion said there were numerous human rights abuses in Morocco and the administration was rotten, wasteful, and plagued by "the gangrene of corruption."

Party leaders on both sides of the chamber said they expected King Hassan to change the gov-

The opposition old-guard Istiqlai Party, its offshoot the Socialist Union of People's Forces, the Communist Party of Progress and Socialism, and the leftist Democratic Organisation of Popular Action buried their differences to table the motion.

If it had been passed, Prime Minister Azeddine Laraki's government would have been forced to resign.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Ethiopia famine averted, for now

By Reid G. Miller The Associated Press

MASSAWA, Ethiopia - A huge, disparate and partly obscure relief effort appears to have temporarily averted the threat of famine in northern Ethiopia this year.
But if the apocalyptic horse-

man has been stayed from a sweep across the barren mountains and highlands of this warand drought-stricken land, his specter lingers on. Seven months ago, the United

Nations warned that more than 4 million people were at risk of dying from hunger in Ethiopia's four northern provinces - Eritrea, Tigre, Wollo and Gonder. The threat was compared with

the great famine of 1984-85, which killed more than a million people in the same region and raised the consciousness of the Ghastly, haunting images of

skeletal children flickered across TV screens on every continent as the famine deepened six years ago. The pictures prompted a huge but belated flow of aid, too late to help many starving people but averting an even greater This year the response came

quickly, albeit with less fanfare. As soon as it became apparent in late 1989 that the annual rains had failed once more and harvest fields were turning into parched plots, the United Nations, individual governments, private relief agencies and others began gear-

The others included emergency food distribution organisations operated by separate insurgent forces in Eritrea and Tire that are waging civil wars against the government in those provinces.

"The situation is very tenuous and fragile, but things look very good right now," said Paul Mitchell, a spokesman for the U.N.'s World Food Programme, based in Rome. "I would add, however, that there's no room for complacency.'

Mitchell was interviewed recently in Nairobi, Kenya, following an inspection trip to Ethiopia. His agency is responsible for getting surplus food, donated primarily by Western nations, to drought and disaster areas around the world.

Mitchell's assessment was borne out by visits to Eritrea and Tigre, the two most seriously affected provinces, by this and other reporters in recent weeks. None found severe malnutrition or the great migrations of people in search of food that occurred six

"No, we haven't reached that point," said Tekie Beyene, who heads the Entrean Relief Association, an arm of the rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF). "It's been so far, so good. The problem will come if we don't continue receiving the same level of aid."

Direct aid to the Eritrean and Tigrean rebels is channelled through a variety of private relief organisations. Much of it comes in the form of surplus wheat from the United States and Canada but Washington, particularly, keeps its involvement quiet, so as not to antagonise the Ethiopian

In addition to the U.S. and Canada, several European nations donate surplus grain and other foods to the World Food Programme for distribution by a consortium of Ethiopian churches operating with the blessing of the government in Addis Ababa and the Tigrean rebels.

The Eritrean and Tigrean rebels take delivery of food at Port Sudan on the Red Sea and haul it by truck across the Ethiopian border over long, tortuous routes that range from desert trails to steep, winding mountain paths.

Dozens of distribution points have been set up in each pro-vince, some accessible only by pack animals.

The Ethiopian government has strenuously objected to these cross-border operations, but hasn't been able to halt them. Relief trucks move only at night to avoid strafing and bombing by the Ethiopian Air Force, which considers the vehicles to be possible carriers of rebel munitions.

The church group operating out of Addis Ababa with the support of the United Nations maintains what is known as the "southern relief corridor." It starts in the town of Dessie, 320 kilometres north of the capital, and runs another 320 kilometres north to Makele, the provincial capital of Tigre. It employs some 11,000 Ethio-

pians, operates 350 trucks virtually around the clock and is described by Mitchell as "a magnificent operation, very efficient." The Eritrean and Tigrean relief

operations are smaller but no less efficient. They move an esti-mated 30,000 tonnes of food each month directly into the famine areas from neighbouring Sudan. But the relief operations has aced some serious problems.

The United Nations initially demanded a major role in food distribution from Addis Ababa. The government refused, insisting that it be handled by the church consortium. Then came a



Eritrean refugees head for Sudan

further delay as the church group, known as the Joint Relief Partnership, negotiated with both the government and the Tigrean rebels for permission to move supplies through their lines. The southern corridor was opened only last month. There also were the usual poli-

tical considerations. The United Nations, as an organisation of recognised governments, could not involve itself with the insurgents. The United States, Canada and others quietly arranged to help the rebels, but only through private third parties.

Another blow came in early February, when the Eritrean rebels launched the largest offensive of their 29-year-old war for independence and quickly captured Massawa, one of only two Ethiopian ports on the Red Sea and a major distribution point for donated food,

That left some 120,000 Ethiopian soldiers and an estimated one million civilian in and around the Eritrean provincial capital of

Asmara cut off from the rest of the country and facing starvation. They have been without running water and electricity ever since.

The port is still closed and fighting continues to rage on a massive scale around Asmara, but on May 3 the United Nations Children's Fund began an airlift to the provincial capital with plans to fly in 30 planeloads of food, medicine and other supplies within three months.

If all goes well, the Ethiopian, Eritrean and Tigrean operations will deliver more than one million tonnes of food and other supplies before September, when the next harvest is due to begin. It will cost an estimated \$300 million.

"If we can keep this up, we'll be okay," said one relief worker, referring to the overall effort. "But we live with the fear that our work to save civilians can become secondary to the strategic or tactical concerns of the combatants at any time. It has happened before. It can happen again."

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Three escape from Israeli prison

TEL AVIV (R) - Troops using helicopters and dogs searched the occupied West Bank for three people who escaped from a high-security prison in central Israel Sunday, army and Arab sources said. The army described the escapees from Meggido jail as "security prisoners," a term used for Palestinians detained for anti-Israeli acts. Palestinians said security forces with bloodbounds, military vehicles and helicopters were searching the northern West Bank town of Jenin and surrounding villages.

Death sought for Kuwait bombers

KUWAIT (R) - Prosecutors have demanded the death penalty for four people accused of trying to overthrow the Knwaiti government with a bombing campaign which killed several people, court sources said Sunday. They said the demand was made Saturday when the trial, which opened on May 12, resumed behind closed doors in a state security court. Two officials from the London-based human rights group Amnesty International attended the hearing, the sources added. They said the trial was adjourned until May 28 when defence lawyers would make submissions. A verdict was expected soon afterwards. Sayed Mohammad Baqir Al Mosawi (alias Al Muhri), Faisal Abdul Hadi Al Mehimeed, Walid Majid Al Mazeedi and Abdul Hamid Al Saffar were arrested late last year. They were indicted on 10 counts. Several bomb attacks, some fatal, have been reported in the Gulf Arab state since late in 1983, The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, survived an assassination attempt in

Yemens to unite in days

SANAA (R) - North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh confirmed that his country will unite with South Yemen within days. "Unification of the (two) Yemens is coming in a few days... perhaps before the end of this month," President Saleh said on television. "All preparations have been completed," he added Saturday in the first official confirmation that the merger is imminent. Officials have indicated unification will be proclaimed on May 27, but an Arab summit set for May 28 appears to have upset the plan and the date is now expected to be moved a few days either way. Saleh said a united Yemen would be a source of stability for the Arabian peninsula and the Gulf. He has called a special meeting of the North Yemeni parliament for Monday.

Qatari court upholds nurse's sentence

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Qatar's appeal court Sunday upheld a two-month prison sentence against British nurse Valerie Coakes for wilfully harming a bedouin infant's virginity. But the court suspended the sentence for three years. Mrs. Coakes, 49, from Manchester, England, was also fined 500 rials (\$137) in the case brought against her by the child's parents last June when she worked at the Hamad Medical Corp. Hospital in Qatar. "It's a bit of a strange outcome," Cool all the Associated Press in Bahrain in a telephone interview. "I'm not very happy with the verdict. She said she was concerned that the sentence, even if suspended, could affect her nursing career in England.

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Seminar on Arab economic integration calls for close unity

Council of Asats Economic Unity (CAPU), which opened here Sunday, heard calls for steps towards economic integration among Arab comunes to face the challenges of the new decade and

the county 21st century.

Speakers used closer coopera-tion surge, the Arab economic block and tailed for further efforts to end the numerous Minister of Industry and Trade Zand Fariz, who deputised for his Royal Highness Crown Prince Flustan, told the opening session education with the needs of societhat the Arab World was witnessing commund decline in food production, lack of modern technology and was suffering from

inadequate military and food security. "The Arab World requires \$120 billion in annual investments if it aims at achieving real dereligionent that can ensure the present per capita income," the

minister said. The Arab World's population

basic education, health services. housing and food and water supplies, the minister said.

He said there was no alternative but to pool the Arab World's resources to meet the coming

Referring to education, he said, by the year 2000 the Arab World would have to spend \$60 billion on educating nearly 70 million students at all levels, but at the same time the Arab countries have to find ways of linking ty to make it possible find work for the increasing number of

graduates. Francenists from Arab comtries, regional and international organisations are attending the seminar on development in the Arab World and scopes of Arab

economic integration According to CAEU sources. seven working papers are to be reviewed by the participants.

Nearly 90 per cent of surplus 18 now nearing 300 million of Arab funds, estimated at \$70 view on pressing economic whem 125 million are under 15 billion, are now deposited outside facing the Arab Nation.

AMBIAN (Petra) - A three-day years of age which means that the the Arab World at a time when regional sensinar organised by the coming century will witness a many citizens are deprived of growing increase in demand on basic rights and fair and equal opportunities while the enemies of the Arab World continue to occupy Arab land and hatch conspiracies to impose hegemony on

> Another speaker was CAEU Secretary General Hassan Ibrahim, who reviewed joint economic and social conditions in the Arab World since the mid-1980s, pointing to the economic recession, the decline in income from oil wealth and the debts which burden most of the Arab coun-

He said the present seminar aimed at focusing light on these issues and offered the opportunity for the participants to exchange view on pressing economic issues

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AMMAN (J.T.) - The Roma-

nian community in Jordan voted

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The Romanian embassy esti-

mated that 80 per cent of the total

600-strong Romanian community, including workers, house-

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part in the voting at the embassy

in Amman which remained open

until 11 in the evening to allow

for as many voters as possible to participate in the first free elec-

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According to Arabiyat the JFF

Farmers federation to help agriculture, stabilise prices

AMMAN (Petrs) - One of the main reasons for creating the projected Jordanian Farmers of vegetables and fruits in Jordan, Federation (JFF) is to unity the the minister said that climatic work of credit organisations in Jordan and organise the process of money lending, Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arabiyat saxd Sunday.

"Loans to farmers used to be channelled through the Agri-cultural Credit Corporation (ACC), the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) and the Jordan Valley Farmers Association (IVFA), which rendered the credit and money lending process chaotic and burdened the farmers who obtained loans from more than one source," Arabiyat said in an exclusive interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

The minister said that Jordaman farmers have debts of almost JD 45 million benefitting 12,000 farmers. Of these JD 31.2 million were given by the ACC; only 50 per cent of this sum is usually paid back. JD 13.4 million were given by ICO of which only 10 per cent is settled and JD 1 million by the JVFA of which

The minister pointed out that the ministry was helping to orgamise a restrictuling of the farmers' debus to help them settle their dues, but it was boped that the IFF would later handle this process as well as the credit proc-

."The new federation, which has been approved by the Higher Agricultural Conneil and will go to the Cabinet and Parliament for endorsement, also aims at helping farmers open new markets for their products abroad," Arabiyat

"Jordan can produce a surplus of vegetables and fruits which find their way to foreign markets after supplying sufficient quanti-ties to the local markets," the minister said.

The minister blamed certain past policies, which he did not ame, as responsible for Jordan's loss of a large section of the country's foreign markets. But he said that the Ministry of Agriculture was regaining most of the lost markets and opening new markets, benefitting from the de-valued dinar which is making

tive to foreign importers. Referring to the soaring prices of vegetables and fruits in Jordan.

conditions, certain diseases and viruses which affected the crops and other technical matters like the lack of sufficient amounts of water supplies - were partly so as to help finance its operations responsible for the increase in Dinces.

He said Jordan should continue to supply foreign importers with agricultural products to earn the Kingdom badly needed hard currency and not to lose the traditional markets importing Jordanian products.

The minister said that Jordan's present rate of agricultural exports earns the country JD 120 million annually, up from JD 40 million in the past years. He added that the projected JFF is bound to stabilise prices simply because it would be responsible

Massacre

(Continued from page 1)

Lower House Speaker Saleiman Arar said Sunday's attack "was demonstrative of the kind of peace israel is seeking to

"Israel has killed innocent people, evicted people from their homeland and confiscated their land," he said, "Yet, it is still pressing ahead with its persistent crimes against the Palestinian people and will continue to do so until and unless it finds a power canable of putting an end to its coincs."

Members of Parliament also voiced outrage and condemna-tion of the killing and called on the international community to denounce Israeli practices and seek an end to the "ugly massacres" perpetrated against the Palestinian people. They also called on the Arab World to adopt a united position capable of "ending the Israeli arrogance" and to revive the Eastern Front,

The killing of eight Palestinian workers and another eight Palestinians by Israeli troops in subsequent clashes also drew heavy condemnation from all Jordanian products more attract over the Arab World.

the Arab Nation," Fariz told the audience.

"Only through closer coordination of work in social and economic fields can the Arab World overcome the present issues and deal with challenges that confront it in the coming century," said

Jordan to take part in Tunis fair TUNIS (J.T.) - Nearly 120 fair comes after a Tunisian fair

better employment of material, from 15 Arab states, including ne Mubarak.

and firms will take part in a bilateral agreement which prowill open in Tunis on May 25, organise trade fairs in each according to an announcement by other's capital to promote the Jordan's Ambassador to Tunis Talal Al Hassan.

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"But the Arab region is facing

Basma said here Sunday.

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Meeting stresses role

CAIRO (Petra) -- Develop- financial as well as human re-

ments in the Arab region over the sources and involving women on

past years made it incumbent on a larger scale," the Princess said.

contribute more positively to- ing the conference in her capacity

wards the social and economic as chairperson of the board of

development of their countries, trustees of the Queen Alia Social

Her Royal Highness Princess Welfare Fund (QAF), which ca-

Addressing the opening session munities in Jordan, said there is a

of a three-day regional confer- great need now to give attention

of women in society

"The fair will display samples like electrical appliances, furniture, leather and plastic products, foodstuff, pharmaceutical products, textiles and handicrafts," the ambassador said.

be held in Tunis, will open as the Kingdom celebrates its independence anniversary; thus it will demonstrate the country's development in various fields," the ambassador added.

Al Hassan said the Jordanian ber of Industry which is organis-

(WHO) and the United Nations

Children's Fund (UNICEF)

started in Amman Sunday with

Middle East, North Africa and

the east Mediterranean regions

Addressing the opening session, Health Minister Moham-

mad Al Zaben said that Jordan

had succeeded in reducing child

King receives French envoy

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NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received

him bilateral relations in the cultural and art fields.

ceremony was attended by several ministers

Princess Sarvath opens art exhibition

Qatanani receives Swedish students

Indian exhibition opens in Yarmouk

AMMAN (Petra) — Director General of the Foreign Ministry's

Palestinian Affairs Department Ahmad Qatanani received Satur-

day a Swedish student delegation currently on a visit to Jordan.

Qatanani briefed the delegation on the establishment of the

department and the support it presents to Palestinian citizens in the occupied Arab territories.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Embassy of India in coopertaion with the

Yarmouk University has organised a photographic exhibition of

Indian industry in the university premises from the 20th to 23rd May, 1990. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Ali Mahafzah, president of the Yarmouk University; vice presidents of the

university, the dean of the faculty and the Indian ambassador

were also present. The Indian ambassador presented 20 books on

Indian art and culture to the president of the university.

Jordanian industrial companies held in Amman in April under a Jordanian industrial fair which vides for Jordan and Tunisia to sale of national products.

Princess Basma, who is attend-

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to women in rural regions; these

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"Protecting Arab women's conference along with repre-

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Specialists in women affairs Egyptian president's wife Suzan-

Jordan and Tunisia last November reached an agreement of national industrial products under which they fixed the volume of commercial exchange at \$40 million including \$20 million for trade centres in Amman and Tunisia, \$5 million for commercial markets and \$15 million "The fair, the fifth of its kind to for free trade dealings.

> Meanwhile in Irbid a Jordanian industrial fair will open on May 25 under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein, according to officials at the Amman Cham-

Meeting opens on diarrheal diseases

ing the exhibition at Yarmouk University. New industrial products will be

international organisations.

Several working papers are to

be reviewed by the conference

which was officially opened by

displayed including samples of export products. Officials said that 129 Jorda-

tian industrial firms and factories will take part in the exhibition to be set up on a 2,000-square metre land within the Yarmouk University camous.

The exhibition in Yarmouk will be in observance of Jordan's independence anniversary on May 25. the officials said. They added that on King Hussein's accession to the throne anniversary, which falls on August 11, another fair would be held in the southern city of Maan and a third would be held in Zarqa on Nov. 14, the King's birthday.

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500,000 children are still dving posed by this major child killer every year in the eastern WHO Director of the East Mediterranean region, because of diarrheal related reasons.

Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) Hussein El Jezairi praised the achievements Jordan had made in the field of combatmortality caused by diarrhea and ting diarrheal diseases and said

Jezairi called for placing control of diarrheal diseases programmes on top of national

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at the Royal Court the visiting French republican party chief François Leonard. The audience was attended by Royal Court Traffic Day Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Leonard's aides. Leonard also met with Minister of Culture Khalid Al Karaki and reviewed with AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of a special committee formed by the Public Security Department

(PSD) to prepare for the World AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath opened Saturday a plastic art exhibition by Mahmoud Taha. The six-day exhibition displays pottery and ceramics. The opening Traffic Day and the Arab Traffic Week, Colonel Awni Mismar Sunday attended a special celebration held to honour members of the preparatory committee and winning students at a traffic drawing contest, organised

on the occasion. Col. Mismar said that Jordan had recently witnessed a decrease in the number of car accidents. compared with the past years.

Mismar called for more care and caution and stressed the need for promoting traffic awareness among school students to achieve a further reduction in fatalities. Other countries have levels, low-

er with 15 per cent than Jordan. At the end of the celebration, Col. Mismar presented certificates of appreciation to the committee members and awards to winners in the competition.

King receives message from Sudanese leader

AMMAN (Petra) - Efforts by tribute towards the creation of a are considered a first step to-

The envoy, Faisal Abu Saleh, Sudanese leader Omar Hassan Al who is member of the Revolu- Bashir dealt with the situation in tionary Command Council in Sudan and with the current achieve unity between Sudan and with the existing Arab economic and Minister of Interior Salem blocs, but would rather help con- Massadeh and other officials.

Sudan and Libya to achieve unity total unity in the Arab World. The envoy, who was making a wards achieving a pan-Arab uni- statement upon his departure folty, according to a Sudanese envoy lowing a two-day visit to Jordan. who delivered a message to His said that the message he deli-Majesty King Hussein Saturday. vered to King Hussein from

Sudan, said that current efforts to efforts to unite Sudan and Libva. The envoy was seen off at the Libya do not by any way interfere airport by deputy Prime Minister

Meteorology services important for socio-economic development - Abanda

the four-state Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) - Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen - Sunday met in Amman to discuss means of implementing the meteorology agreement concluded during the ACC summit in Amman earlier this year.

Addressing the meeting. Meteorology Department Direcmeteorology services have great impact on air and maritime navigation as well as transport, agriculture and tourism, thus affecting all aspects of the socioconomic development process.

Abanda pointed out that the meteorology agreement, concluded in Amman in February, Programme.

AMMAN (Petra) - Directors of called for the exchange of inthe meteorology departments in formation and expertise and sought to unify systems, regulations and technical specifications. Abanda outlined the great dangers inherent in the climatic changes and the erosion of the

danger life on our planet. He stressed the need for exchanging information on the factors affecting the ozone layer and tor Ali Ahanda said that the prospected climate changes. Abanda pointed out to the

ozone layer saying that they en-

importance of coming up with a unified position at the international fora, such as the World Meteorology Organisation (WMO), the International Civil Aviation Association and the United Nations Environmental

Unique heart technique performed in Jordan ease. Normally the ductus arter-

By Khalil Abdul Salam Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Three young chilductus arteriosus occlusion by therapeutic cardiac catheterisation using an umbrella device which is delivered in the patient ductus arteriosus. The operation was done for the first time in Jordan at Queen Alia Heart

The operation is done without any surgery, by using a special catheter. The patient undergoing such operation can leave the hospital in 24 hours, according to Dr. Yousef Qussous, head of the QAHC's cardiac section.

sion of the ductus among young to the drugs women take during children to congenital heart dis- pregnancy

iosus closes by itself in the second or third week after birth, which means that if it remains open for a dren have recently undergone period beyond the two or three weeks following birth it could endanger the child health and expose him to heart failure and repeated renal ailments. "Such congenital heart diseases

are rare and the average incidence of such cases is 8 cases per 100 live births," according to Dr. Qussous. Dr. Qussous pointed out that

doctors have treated some 500 cases in 16 years using the surgical method. He attributed such congenital heart malformations to Rubella (German measles) which Qussous attributed the occlu- mothers had during pregnancy or

ADF holds meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The general secretariat of the Arab Doctors duled to discuss in its two-day Federation (ADF) held a meeting Sunday under the chairmanship of ADF Secretary General Hassan Khreis to discuss the agenda of the ADF higher council meetings which will start Tuesday, the approval of the federation's general budget as well as demands by some medical Arab. associations to join the federa-

The secretariat is also sche meetings issues related to ADI awards which will be presented to two Arab doctors; the first will be presented to an Arab doctor dis tinguished in his scientific resear ches and the other to a docto distinguished in his country's doc tors association activities. A thiraward will be presented to the best research in medical science

in the Arab World. WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

 Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by five Jordanian artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Art exhibition by Hussi Abu Ekraym at the Alia Art Gallery. Exhibition of paintings by Rauda Berouti at Goethe Institute.

Art exhibition by Mahmond Taha at the Royal Cultural Centre. Photographic exhibition of Indian industry at Yarmouk Uni-

versity.

Plastic art exhibition by Mustapha Yahya at the Royal Cultural Centre. LECTURE

Lecture, in Arable, entitled "The concept of wisdom in the religious tradition of the Middle East" by Linguist and Arabist

Jan Henningsson, the Middle East secretary of church in

Sweden, at the Royal Cultural Centre - 7:00 p.m.

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Halt the Israeli wind in its track

WORDS OF condemnation, no matter how strong or profound, cannot possibly express our and humanity's feelings of anger and frustration on the massacre of innocent and unarmed Palestinians yesterday. There has to be something more concrete, more substantive that the Arab World can and should do to stop the successive massacres and acts of repression and naked murder against our brethren in the occupied territor-

The Palestinian people has been paying with its blood and soul the cost of resisting Israel's occupation and continued aggression. It is about time that the rest of Arabs stood up in unison and strength to support their brothers' and sisters' struggle for liberation and

The Arab masses are fed up with the inability of their leaders to agree on an even minimum platform to help the Palestinians in their heroic intifada, which is the all encompassing embodiment and symbol of our hostage people's struggle to free itself from the yoke of Israeli occupation and repression. But merely to dismiss the latest massacre as an isolated act by a "deranged" ex-soldier is the height of hypocrisy that none of our people could ever tolerate anymore.

Some peace activists in Israel were the first to admit following the massacre yesterday that the mass murder of Palestinians could not have taken place in isolation of the feverish Israeli policies and actions in the West Bank and Gaza in the continued Zionist drive to quell the intifada. Nor should we ever believe that on and riass killing of Arabs : any time soon, certainly not before the Arabs are strong enough to realise their will. The whole political climate in Israel today, embodying basically the policies and ambitions of the extreme right and nationalistic groups, will continue to be conducive to Israelis, sane or deranged, to direct their fire and mad acts against the unarmed Palestinians. And it is this climate that the Arabs have to direct all their energies at in order to halt the winds of Israeli violence in their tracks through getting the Arabs to put their act together for once and send a resounding message to Israel that it will have to pay a very heavy price for such barbarous actions as of yesterday.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily on Sunday warned the Arabs against the looming Israeli threat for aggression and said Arab states should not be taken in by statements issued by the Israeli prime minister's office that the Jewish state does not base its strategy on launching a pre-emptive strike on the Arabs. The paper said that the statement is designed to absorb part of the Arab vigilance and preparedness, following a recent Iraqi disclosure about Israel's plans to launch a fresh aggression on Iraq. The paper reminded its readers of similar Israeli statements issued on the eve of the 1967 aggression on the Arab countries when it announced that it would not be the first to launch attack. Israel, on the other hand, could be seriously considering the Iraqi warning and that has delayed its aggression on Arab lands, said the paper. But, it added, neither or these two possibilities should give any credence to the Israeli statements because the Arabs are now more experienced with Israeli tactics and should remain vigilant. The Israeli statement is more likely to be a move to deceive the Arabs before a surprise attack comes, and could be a move to thwart the Arab countries' intention to work out a joint strategy to deal with Israel at their upcoming summit meeting in Baghdad, the paper continued. The paper said that Israel has only one way to prove its good intentions, and that is by recognising the Palestinian people's rights in their own homeland.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily calls for specialised centres and universities to analyse the outcome of the municipal elections that took place in Zarqa in the past week. Salah Abdul Samad wonders whether the people of Zarqa have lost interest in the affairs of their city, or whether the elections were linked with political ideologies that stopped many from participating in the elections. The poor voter turnout, he says, was a sad thing for the second most populous city in the country; and the elections can best be described as elections of the minority rather than the majority. The silent majority which refrained from taking part in the elections cannot take the whole blame, and a real, serious study ought to be undertaken by specialised institutions in Jordan to determine the reasons behind this phenomenon, says the writer. He wonders whether a similar pattern will emerge at nearby Ruseifa in the municipal elections on the coming month.

Al Dustour daily commented on Prince Hassan's statements published in Al Ahram newspaper of Cairo in which he voiced optimism that the coming summit in Baghdad will serve as a turning point in Arab affairs. The paper echoed the Prince's call on the Arabs to remain vigilant and join forces to confront the common threats and dangers; and said that the Arabs can remain united and interact with world affairs at the same time. The paper echoed the Prince's optimism that, with its vast material. financial and manpower potentials, the Arab World can and should forge ahead towards the achievement of further development.

Weekly Political Pulse

Gloomy are the ill-informed

ON SOCIAL occasions, Jordan looks more like a familystate than a nation-state in the sense that every one seems to be a kin of everybody else or at least knows him. So on occasions of grief or joy, it seems like the entire social fabric of the country is a participant. To be sure this is more so on condolence occasions which occur almost daily and attract a wide spectrum of the Jordanian society. Hardly a friday passes without an occasion to express one's condolences over the untimely death of a relative, friend or acquaintance. Offering ones sympathies have thus become the hallmark of Jordanian one-day weekends. Accordingly, such social duties offer the best opportunity to measure the country's sentiment and to feel its pulse. I, as most other Jordanians caught in this web of social duties, have been having invaluable access to information about the mood of my country men and their views on the current state of affairs through the performance of my week-end social

I must say that I walk out of condolences doubly griefed.

First at the thought of somebody being dead and secondly because of what I hear during funerals about the situation in the country. By and large, what I hear is a variety of scenarios spelling doom and gloom about the future. There is an alarming degree of despair permeating the minds and hearts of Jordanians these days and the advent of democracy and the introduction of massive corrective measures have yet to change the sentiment of Jordanians about their lot, present or future. What immediately comes to mind is that the government has yet to succeed in convincing the people that the country is finally on the right course and that the future is indeed bright and encouraging. I often ask myself if in part the problem is a mere public relations issue which the government has either neglected or failed to address in the proper way. I realise that things are not yet in the best of shape and that many things still await rectification. But as an optimist, I do not see things as black as some people keep on

portraying to one another. Some times I think that Jorda-

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Mubarak to China, North Korea,

made clear his objectives in-

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Immigrants in the occupied West

In a Moscow dinner speech hon-

oring Mubarak, Gorbachev de-

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among the 1,7 million Palesti-

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Gaza as "anti-Soviet." It is part of

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NEW ANALYSIS

It was Moscow's strongest cen-

Officials in Cairo said the

Soviets promised to consider

Egyptian ideas. One would grant

Soviet Jews the right to return if

they find difficulties in Israel after

emigrating. Another would ask

the United States to relax restric-

tions on Soviet Jewish immigra-

Gorbachev and Mubarak also

signed a joint declaration that

reflected Moscow's apparent

shift on Middle East peace-

of all means to activate the peace

The two sides support the use

They welcome constructive

proposals and initiatives - in-

cluding the proposals aimed at

launching Palestinian-Israeli dia-

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ing of an international peace con-

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gave percedence to U.S.-bro-

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tional conference aimed at reaching an overall Middle East

Eduard A.Shevardnadze told

Egyptian editors the visit was

"It was a historic turning point in Egyptian-Soviet relations and marked the beginning of long-

term cooperation in the various

political, economic and cultural

fields," the Soviet foreign minis-

The 10-year framework agree-

ment the two sides signed pro-

vides for economic, commercial,

scientific and technological coop-

Under the accord, Egyptian

officials anticipate receiving

Soviet economic aid amounting

to \$700 million-800 Million. They

said this would include expansion

of Egypt's steel aluminum industries, originally built with Soviet help, and construction of

new power stations.

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Soviet Foreign Minister

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Soviet Jews began last fall.

"To push emigrants to Israel

mians, as most other Arab peoples, are prone to believe in conspiracies and doomsday scenarios as a matter of habit and culture. Maybe Jordanians should be reminded to count their blessings as they do their ill fortunes.

Yet such explanations do not really reveal the total picture of what is really bothering Jordanians. It must be admitted at the outset that there are a multitude of problems that still haunt them that were only accorded artificial remedies. Jordanians of today are not the Jordanians of yesterday. Through access to information and improved education, they grew sophisticated enough to discern difficulties and comprehend the issues pertaining to their present and future. Gone are the days when sophistication was the monopoly of the select few. It is amazing what one hears from seemingly ordinary people whether in the form of deep analysis or well-rounded comprehension. Governing a more enlightened Jordanian is certrainly a double-edged blessing. On the one hand, it is easier to deal with people of

understanding, on the other it is infinitely harder to win their hearts and minds. It is an entirely new ball game in Jordan these days and the rules of the game have to be remodelled. This is what still bothers me as I listen to the various views and counter views in the social occasions that I find myself. attending these early summer days. The overwhelming reaction that I hear over and over again is that not much has changed, and that on fun-. damentals, the country has barely scratched the surface. A closer-to-the-truth assessment would indicate that in fact major changes have occurred in the country since 1989 but perhaps the fruits of such changes have vet to be collected. Possibly also these changes do not go far enough to remedy the ills of the past and only appear to gloss over the problems that have been unanimously identified as the sources of all evil in the country. Whatever and wherever the truth lies, I feel that the government needs to do a better job explaining itself to its people and to reach out for the

The people for example still await a more coherent respouse from the government on the corruption issue. They also want a more understandable response to unemployment and the rising cost of living. While there is a widespread appreciation of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) imposed conditions. they have no sympathy since they are directed to their bread and butter needs at a time when other outlays are still left bleeding as profusely as ever before. One commentator reminded me on one of these social occasions that Turkey has won great praise from its people lately when it set a fine example for reducing the governmental expenditures by selling all the big Mercedeses that officials use in favour of much smaller cars. Such gesture may look small in macroeconomics terms but most certainly goes a long way to convince the public about the seriousness of the efforts to cut down on unnecessary expenses. Others indignantly point to the export policy in the agricutural domain which leaves very little for the people

to eat in order to raise the revenues of the country from exports. Some Jordanians, it is also noted, are overemployed in the sense that they hold more than one job, while others are left with no job possibilities whatsoever. There could be enough jobs to go around, it is maintained, if Jordanians were asked to uphold the principle of one-jop at a time in order to help their countrymen get employment

By Waleed Sadi

I have suggested in the past that the country should conduct some kind of poll taking in order to be better informed of the mood of the Jordanian people. I still think this would be an excellent way to get acquainted with what makes Jordanians tick and what they are troubled by. Now is the time to introduce this methodology before the country goes too far with the drafting of the National Charter. As wise and enlightened could be the views of 60 eminent Jordanians, the mood of the country must be understood before we go any further with the charter idea or with the corrective measures being contemplated.

Egypt reconciles with Soviets, remains special U.S. friend

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt President Hosni Mubarak has completed a six- European tour that also took year process of reconciliation with the Soviet Union without Oman and Britain. damaging Cairo's special relationship with the United States.

Mubarak returned home with political and economic benefits nefits and marshaling opposition for Egypt aftter his 46-hour visit to the settling of Israel's Jewish to Moscow this week.

He won Soviet President Bank and Gaza Strip. Mikhail Gorbachev's public sup-port for his Middle East policies. In a Moscow dinner speech It included Gorbachev's unprecedented condemnation of Israel for allowing Soviet Jewish immigrants to settle on the occupied Arab lands.

The two nations also signed a framework agreement that holds the promise of substantial Soviet economic aid for Egypt during

Perhaps more importantly, the improvement in Cairo-Moscow relations did not come at Washington's expense.

There was no hint during Mubarak's visit of any Soviet intent to revive the Kremlin's old role as principal arms supplier to Egypt, a role that the United States assumed in 1980. Nor was there any suggestion of Moscow trying to join the United States in current Middle East peacemaking

Rather, Mubarak came away with a Soviet pledge to support U.S. and Egyptian efforts to initiate a Palestinian-Israeli dialogue in Cairo. Previously, Moscow's policy focused solely on the Isrraeli-spurned idea of an international Middle east peace con-

Mubarak's visit came six years after he opened a policy of trying to normalise relations with the Soviet Union, where as a young air force officer he learned to be a fighter pilot.

He began by restoring diplomatic rrepresentation to the level of ambassador. Later, he mended other fences smashed by his predecessor, Anwar Sadat.

Sadat, assassinated by Muslim extremists almost nine years ago, was the last Egyptian head of state to visit Moscow, in 1972 just before relations soured. First the Soviets refused to meet Egypt's arms requests. Sadat reacted with sweeping reprisals including ex-pelling 17,000 Soviet Military personnel

Despite the improvement in relations since 1984, there remained what one Egyptian official termed "a psychological shortcoming in terms of the absence of personal, face-to-face contact at the top.

Mubarak's visit last Monday-. Wednesday sealed that breach.

Ibrahim Nafei, editor of Cairo's leading nwespaper Al-Ahram and a member of Mubarak's entourage, wrote that the meeting "rectified the balance of relations and put them in the proper context.

"More accurately, it codified the relationship — on the footing of close ersonal knowledge between the two leaders that had By Marilyn August The Associated Press

PARIS - Francois Mitterrand this week begins his 10th year as president with his popularity plummeting and his political integrity under attack in a new, best-selling biography.

Some political analysts predict Mitterrand's problems will worsen in the coming months. Others suggest the Socialist president will bounce back, as he has many times in an up-and-down, 45-year political

Mitterrand was first elected May 10, 1981, and won reelection to another seven-year term in 1988.

France's constitution gives broad powers to the president, who appoints the prime minister and controls the executive branch, including defence and foreign policy. The prime minister heads the cabinet and deals with parliament.

Recent public opinion polls show a dramatic drop in Mitterrand's popularity. A sofres survey recorded a 12-point decline from 61 to 53 per cent in a single month, while a poll by the Journal du Dimanche newspaper found only 39 per cent of respondents satisfied with Mitterrand's perform-

The next parliamentary elections are two years away and the next presidential vote in 1995, too far-off to be affected

by the recent negative polls. Analysts in France don't read any particular significance into the polls beyond a clear trend of disenchantment with Mitterrand.

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Mitterrand beset by polls, new biography

"Don't ever forget: Francois Mitterrand is an artist of resurrection," says Franz-Olivier Geisbert, 41, author of the new, unflattering biography. "In 1980, he was finished. In 1981, he was elected president of the republic."

Geisbert, a prominent jour-

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nalist who has worked for both leftist and conservative publications, has been following Mitterrand's career for many

His second book on Mitterrand, "The President," is filled with revealing anecdotes and interviews and conversations with presidential advisers. ministers, opposition leaders, reporters, and Mitterrand him-

It strips away Mitterrand's

image as a lofty, high-principled statesman and depicts him instead as a politician who set "aside principle and ideology" to carve out his place in his-

tory.
"Mitterrand has fascinated me for a long time," Geisbert wrote in the introduction. "This man, in fact, is never the man you think he is. He is both better and worse. "The whole Mitterrand is

there, in this mix of electoral. cynicism and artistic haze. He does not let himself be burdened by scruples when power is at stake," he wrote.

The book is a behind-thescenes look at how the 73-yearold president wields power by manipulating political allies and enemies.

It chronicles his intense dislike of his longtime Socialist rival, Michel Rocard, whom he relegated to minor cabinet posts until attrition among his stalwarts forced him to name Rocard as premier after Mitterrand's re-election in 1988.

The book also describes how Mitterrand engineered a leftist coalition to beat Valery Giscard D'Estaing in 1981. The monocuvre was doubly useful to Mitterrand. It led, ultimately, to the decline of the Communist party and fuelled the rise of extreme-right National Front Party, which has discredited and divided conservative political factions ever since. Mitterrand's troubles have

been making headlines for weeks. Political analysts attribute them to several events, including the amnesty of a former Socialist minister involved in a political fund-raising scandal

After the Socialist Party congress in April turned into a dogfight among contenders to the presidency, Mitterrand descended into the arena and gave a rare television interview trying to explain the mess. His efforts appeared to make mat-

Analysis say Mitterrand's drop in popularity can be explained by his loss of favour among voters with political sympathies on the right. Many of these voters backed Mitterrand in 1988, viewing him as a reassuring father figure, comparable to Charles de Gaulle, who would work for the broad

national intereșt "The key to his re-election was his ability to preserve influence beyond the political and sociological boundaries of the left," noted Eric Dupin in Liberation.

This loss of right-leaning voters has not been countered by an increase of support from the left, such as young people and blue-collar workers.

"Mitterrand is looking for the choke to get going again," beadlined Liberation, a leftist daily. "The Elysee (Palace) seems to have run out of inspiration, and enthusiasm."

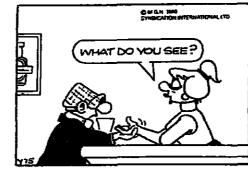
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emotions, fears and experiences; nothing less nothing more

By Saids Klieni Special to the Jordan Times FEAR RATHER than disheher was what prevented "J.L" from going to a psychiatrist or even discussing her problem with hier husband. For 10 days in a row, I.L. suffered from a housing nightmare of the death of her son who had left for England a year earlier for

higher education. in the first few days, ").L." hesitated to discuss her nightmera with anyone. She even avoided thinking about it herself. But, it kept coming back, hamting her life, and dominaling her thoughts, intefering with her relations with her family and friends. Slowly she was turning neurotic, and she ultimately decided to discuss it with a friend, who in turn advised her to send her son a telegram or to go and see him.

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Interpreted along Sigmund Freud's definition of dreams as realisation of wishes, IL's nightmares could be explained as the manifestation of the yearning desire of a nother to see her son after a long abs-

According to psychiatrist and social worker Fetime Reid. "sometimes, dreams may refleet fears and emotions that are suppressed which come out from the subconscious; repeated dreams are in fact a sign of distress and pain and reflect unresolved conflicts." However, sisc added, "interpretations of dreams differ according to the psychological state of the person and according to his past experiences."

Yet, to dream that a relative is dead may go as far as a suppressed wish for his/her death. In his book entitled "Dreams." Freud explains that

wish based on past experiences that could extend to infancy. At one time or another one wishes the death of his or her most beloved relative, as his parents or his brother or sister. Freud argues that "why do we always assume in advance that all these telations must be based on love?" He supports this theory by pointing out that sometimes hatred against someone could have grown since childhood after certain experiences with pa-

ment from siblings. However, there is another side to this argument since it does not necessarily mean that anyone who dreams of a reiative's death hates him / her or wishes his/her death: "It is either an extreme form of hostility; when we are periodically angry from the people we care

rents, such as a refusal of a

cherished wish, or had treat-

Or it may also mean that we deeply love them that we are afraid to lose them," explains F. Reid.

In this sense, dreams are not exactly a prediction of the future as many people think, as was in the case of J.L. who found that her son was doing well in England,

In fact, a dream is not but a link between what the dreamer envisages as problems and his final goal, according to the analysis of Mustafa Ghaleb in his introduction to "Dreams."

Ghaleb theorises that dreams

may come true in many cases because the dreamer tries to train a part of himself or herself to the reality, i.e. he or she paves the way to the dream to

Thus, dreams basically reflect wishes that the dreamer may not be able to achieve in

in the future. When one dreams, for example of being wealthy and surrounded by people whom he loves, or a student dreaming that he had failed in his exams, it is but some inner expression of the former's wish to become rich, and the latter's fear or failure in an important exam in what seems to him as a great responsibility or something unknown to him and may affect the fu-

It happens sometimes according to Freud, that one may dream of any kind of wish that he / she could not realise when he / she is awake, such as drinking water or eating apples. The dream comes, consequently, to realise one's wish elaborating it in an amplified manner; such as drinking from a fountain or eating from piles of different sorts of apples.

In this category, people may also have symbolic dreams, says Reid, such as falling from a cliff or trying to reach some place but finding themselves inapt to do so." To dream of not being not able to attain the purpose reflects but an inner fear of failure? Reid said. "One must always think positively in terms of his goals and wishes; in this manner he will have positive results in his daily life and in his dream. In doing so, we have to keep in mind that the power of the subconscious mind influences our thinking and our reactions to incidents and ex-

pointed out. In the final analysis dreams cease to be some kind of a prophecy or as some people think that they have discovered something new which they didn't know before; such as dreaming of a person or a thing

periences that we confront,"she

seen before. This may be due to the fact that we forget most of the things that happen to us or those we perceive in our daily life. Walking in a crowd, for instance, one may have a look at a small fraction of the people around him or her but forgets them since they are not perceived as having any consequence in his / her life. "But the mind may recollect a face or something that he / she has seen long ago and think that the dream brought to him/her something new that he / she didn't know about or didn't see

It may happen that two people have similar dreams; a phenonemon explained as "telepathic." These are similar to those incidents where one lifts the receiver to call a friend and finds that the friend on the telephone trying this end. "This

before," according to Reid.

happens especially with twins, or those who are closely associated with each other and similar in perceiving things or even with people that we are so much attached to."

While dreams occupy a large part in our everyday life, they do not always carry meanings. There is what is called "routine dreams" that have no meaning at all but recollection of trivial conversations or incidents or daily activities.

In general, most psychiatrists and experts agree that most of our dreams are a form of release and comfort and a place to which we resort to in our need of relief: They express all our inner emotions, fears and experiences through the subconscious mind, reflecting our true feelings that we cannot express when we are conscious: to read anything more into it could be real fantasy.



EDF—exporter of his reduce power, knowhow

the poir "Electricite de France" (EDF). boundaris: the top producer of electricity in Eric Duni: the world (346.6 billion kilowatt hours in 1968) and the second largest French firm in terms of turnover (136.8 billion francs) apportions does not limit its role to France, ung people 2 as the nature of its activities could lead one to believe.

Indeed, EDF has become a large exporting firm, not only of electric power, but also of knowhow which it, at present, delivers through a specialised subsidiary. EDF became a large electricity

exporting firm gradually. Indeed, the distribution networks of neighbouring countries have, for ears, been connected up to that of EDF and exchanges take place between them, according to the availability or needs of each. These eachages are facilitated by the shortness of distances in Western Europe, Indeed, it is known that electricity cannot travel very far, owing to the great loss of current in the carrying

This situation has greatly benefited the French firm which has the monopoly for power distribution in France and has a considerable surplus of power owing to the size of its nuclear potential (some twenty nuclear power staions which provide 70 per cent of the national supply and make France the second biggest producer of nuclear power in the world, after the United States).

This energy, which cannot be stored, unlike the water in dams or the oil used in traditional power stations, can thus be made available to neighbouring countries, at an advantageous price. That is why, in 1988, EDF exported 44 billion kilowatt hours of electricity to neighbouring countries, that is to say 11 per



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cent of the total amount of electricity it distributed that year.

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in financial terms, this surplus represents 5.7 billion francs (7.2 in exports and 1.5 in imports). This sum contributes to considerably reducing the Energy Bill which, in 1988, amounted to 66.7

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Future bright for women managers

By Charles F. Hunter USIA Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Shifts in the composition of the American labour force and in employers' attitudes foretell that more women will be entering higher management positions in the years ahead, according to Constance Newman, director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Newman spoke about the role of women in government May 16, on a WorldNet television dialogue programme with participants in Amman, Madras, Rabat, and Riyadh. It was the fourth in a series of World Net programmes called "Women in America." Previous programmes focused on women in the arts, business, and public relations. The two participants from Amman were Jeanette, Mufti, a candidate for the Lower House of parliament in last November elections, and Jordan Times staff reporter Nermeen Murad.

Newman said that President Bush named more women to administration positions than any previous chief executive. Today, she said, 43 per cent of the 2.2 million employees of the federal government are women. Though women do not represent more than about 10 per cent of career upper management, Newman said, those eligible for promotion are more qualified than ever before, and more men now are willing to hire and promote women. Such gains are irreversi-

bie, she stressed. Noting that two-thirds of all those who will enter the work force in the United States by the year 2000 will be women, Newpredicted that employers will have to re-evaluate their practices as women begin filling "traditionally male" jobs and moving out of the ranks of the underpaid workers.

She pointed out that two members of the Bush Cabinet are women — Surgeon General Dr. Antonia Novello and Secretary of Labour Elizabeth Dole - as is the U.S. trade representative, Carla Hills.

Newman, who has taught at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, indicated that her personal success was due to "hard work and ... homework." She insisted that her evaluation of subordinates and job candidates never takes gender

into account. Prospective managers' experience, flexibility, communication skills, and sensitivity to others matter most to her, she

Asked whether she thought a womun would be elected U.S. president before a black American, Newman responded that she believes that whoever can demonstrate a strong grasp of the issues and an ability to balance competing interests will be a strong candidate, regardless of sex or race. What is important, she said, is that women increase their participation in the political process. She pointed out that women compromise only 13 per cent of the current Congress.

Newman noted a number of developments that are helping to increase the number of women in top non-political, government jobs: officials now are reminded more frequently about the underrepresentation of women in high positions; women advancing on career tracks now find more management training available; and greater diversity on selection panels has meant greater equality

opportunity for advancement. Above all, however, she ranked efforts to convince top leadership to signal its readiness for change. She praised President Bush for having "sent the message out to his Cabinet and to all the people heading agencies, that he wants a greater diversity in the work force at all levels."

Newman declared that she does not consider hiring quotas to be useful. Better communication about expectations and performance is more important, she said. In the United States, federal statutes and state laws covering. the private sector promise equal pay for equal work, she explained, so legal structures exist to protect women's rights in the labour

As a former participant in the

vomen's movement during the 1960s and '70s, Newman noted that equal rights efforts had met with the most success when the issues were framed in terms of their impact on the nation and the family, rather than on women alone. Today, Newman said, she finds economic inequality most troubling. She pointed out that women's groups feel solidarity with minority-rights groups because they see that the gap between "haves" and "have-nots" is not determined by race.

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Gorbachev urges private building to solve crisis

MOSCOW (R) — President Mikhail Gorbachev says he wants to encourage the private building of homes to help solve the Soviet Union's worsening housing shortage.

He said a totally new approach was needed if the Communist Party was to fulfil an ambitious plan to give every Soviet family its own bome by the year 2000.

"It's obvious that it will be impossible to solve the housing problem using out current methods," he said in a long decree published Sunday by the party newspaper Pravda. He added that failure to meet 1989 building targets had only made things worse.

"The construction of private homes should be considered as an important state matter," Gorbachev declared. He said plots of lands and building materials should be made available in the cities and the countryside.

His decree also called for the creation of a housing market through the use of taxation policies, new banks, and joint ventures in construction, the lifting of all restrictions on the exchange of flats and houses and the establishment of estate

The state had to shift the emphasis away from industrial construction and concentrate on building new flats and houses. Although there had been a recent increase in house building "the severity of the housing problem has not dimi-

"The queues for better housing, which now stands at 14 million people, have not shortened. More than six million people are living in communal flats," Gorbachev said.

"Almost 4.5 million families have less than five square metres per person to live in.1 The crisis has been blamed

for the country's high divorce rate, low birth rates and labour instability.

In an opinion poll published Sunday by the outspoken weekly Argumentty I Fakty, 42 per cent of the country's urban population said housing conditions were their biggest Gorbachev said investment

and resources had to be switched away from industrial construction, which has traditionally taken precedence over the building of homes.

As a result, many Soviet

families still live in communal flats, sharing kitchens and bathrooms with unchosen neighbours. Entire families often sleep, eat and live in one

The Soviet parliament has already passed laws allowing the sale of state-owned flats and making provision for private property but these have done little to solve the housing

The government now has until Sept. 1 to formulate policies along the lines of Gor-

The party decided in 1985 that every family should have its own home by the year 2000. In 1988 the government announced a one trillion rouble (\$1.6 trillion) plan to build 36 million new flats in the next 12 years.

Last year, Moscow's Communist youth newspaper Moskovsky Komsomolets said it was obvious the plan would

Figures published in 1988 showed enormous waiting lists in the Russian Federation, the largest of the country's 15 constituent republics. In Moscow alone more than 340,000 families or individuals were seeking apartments.

the United States last December added a million barrels a day to U.S. oil imports. its production. But then the weather turned unusually mild and there was also some slowing of the global economic expansion. Demand suddenly

looked flat. One trigger for prices to fall was that Iran could not find contract buyers for its heavy, sulphurous crude and dumped it on the spot market. Many refineries were also shut for maintenance.

By Nicholas Moore

Reuter

LONDON - When the 1990s

began, everyone said it would

be a decade of rising oil prices.

Blame freakish weather,

said market experts — and still

be ready to pay a little more

for petroleum before too long.

They admitted, however, to

being surprised by how fast a new glut developed lately and

the extent of the slide in prices.

so low," said Mehdi Varzi, an

analyst with Kleinwort Benson

Prices for North Sea brent

blend, the world benchmark,

sank from \$22 per barrel in January almost to \$15 in April.

the Organisation of Petroleum

Exporting Countries (OPEC)

and emergency cuts in output,

chiefly by Saudi Arabia, to put a floor under the market.

Industry analysts said that

demand for heating fuel during

exceptionally cold weather in

Prices rose. OPEC boosted

It took a special meeting of

Securities in London.

"I did not expect them to go

On cue, they fell.

Volatile prices are in prospect until surpluses are mopped up. But industry leaders such as Robert Horton, chairman of British Petroleum, are sticking to forecasts that brent blend will still turn out to average \$19 for the whole of

That would be little changed from last year.

Underlying recovery The argument goes that the

masked a gradual underlying recovery of demand for OPEC oil from the massive gluts of the 1980s, caused after prices as high as \$40 stampeded the West to find other energy

recent market gyrations have

Pundits said oil prices to

rise; instead they fell

One effect of rebounding demand is that nearly all producers in and out OPEC are back producing at full capacity. Several are rushing to expand capacity — some of which just rusted away during the 1980s --- but this takes time

and money. Industry officials say it is therefore possible that before long there will be a period when OPEC no longer has to try to impose production quotas on all 13 members and when only Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, must shut in

appreciable volumes. The Saudis already influence prices. If the others were all going more or less flat out they could just dictate them.

They could regulate the spot market - on which most prices are now based --- by selling a more or fewer spot cargoes whenever they felt like it. Or they could come out in the open and simply telex a fixed government selling price for their own Arab light crude and make that the world markeг.

Industry sources said Saudi-Arabia could easily and cheaply get capacity up to a daily average of around eight million barrels compared with actual outout around 5.5 million now.

Traditionally, the Saudis have been pricing moderates and they still appear to favour keeping prices fairly soft. They do not want to reignite inflation and hazard the economic expansion on which the reviving thirst for Arab oil depends.

This year, for instance, they pressed Gulf allies Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to join them in cutting above-quota output only when prices threatened to crash. They had earlier kept the taps up during the December-January pricing "spike."

Trade sources say a 1990 average of \$19 for brent blend - implying around \$20 for gasoline-rich U.S. benchmark west Texas intermediate would probably suit the

Kleinwort Benson's Varzi, however, was among analysts who thought Saudi Arabia might soon have to think of moving prices gently higher or risk a situation in which demand threatened to outstrip supply and cause a new pricing

"How long can you go on boosting demand?" Varzi asked. "In five years, the call for OPEC oil has risen by seven million barrels a day. If prices are low I see no end to that trend but I can see limits to OPEC's ability to meet the demand."

Weak prices both stimulate demand and make it harder for many producers to find the money to invest in raising their capacity.

The OPEC secretarygeneral, Subroto of Indonesia. says it may cost \$60 billion to make sure that enough capacity will be on tap after the mid-1990s to mean that any supply disruptions can be accommodated without "a shock to the system."

How soon the market tightens to the extent that the Saudis can assert control may depend on the ability of the Soviet Union, the biggest producer, to maintain exports.

Shearson Lehman Hutton Securities see a tight market in the early 1990s as East German integration with the West invigorates that nation's eco-

The Daiwa Research Institute believes that strikes by Soviet oil workers, twice postponed in recent months, are likely to occur and "terrible internal strains within the Soviet Union... will probably lead to unrest and jeopardise oil exports."

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR MONDAY MAY 21, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This first day of Gemini finds very confusing influences in effect around noon so you must strive to eliminate all possible muddled thinking by being sharp, keen and

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get into business conversations and rid yourself of obligations today while tonight be off to make some new allies and gain data before unavail-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) During the day it is possible for you to uncover activities of a public nature in which you can engage in while tonight finds you very busi-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Concentrate upon doing whatever usual endeavours face you before the evening when you can get out in the world and achieve fine re-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) A day to engage in what-ever research is possible to enhance the success of putting across your talent.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Even when in world of action it is today advisable that you consider what you can do to improve home conditions. Tonight get in tune with

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is a day to busy yourself with all sorts of conferences and

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visits to other persons for then you can relax and be happy at your

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Put your attention on doing what will make your material relations with others ok during day and

tonight be equally positive in visit-ing helpful friends. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Whatever you have in mind of a personal nature should be easy to obtain by your own forthright ness, then tonight consider how to

improve your budget. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A private formula to better gain intimate personal longings can bring considerable progress during day, tonight go after increasing your charm.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Go to a purposeful friend who is very loyal to you and get that persons assistance in gaining things you want most, then tonight consider going out.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) A good day to spend your time concentrating upon your outside vocational activities after which tonight consider ways to gain personal aims.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be openminded to some new and interesting condition arising in the morning, accept and do something about them; tonight you can an executives approval.

By Harris

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Philips, Thomson sign pact

AMSTERDAM (R) — Dutch and French electronics giants Philips and Thomson said they have signed a \$3.6 billion cooperation agreement to develop high definition television (HDTV).

Television manufacturers in Europe, the United States and Japan see HDTV as their next great opportunity to introduce a new and profitable product globally as the market for conventional television sets approaches saturation.

Industry analysts say HDTV, which offers much higher picture quality, could represent a \$25 billion market within 10 years.

A Philips spokesman said the deal with state-owned Thomson,

PARIS (R) — The world would

reap a windfall of more than \$200

billion a year if rich and poor

nations dismantled farm subsidies

and import barriers, according to

a report released Monday.

Developing countries such as

Egypt and Mexico and many

African nations that import food

would have to pay more unless

wealthy nations pledged assist-

Organisation for Economic

Cooperation and Development

(OECD) and the World Bank

lends support to efforts by the

United States and a group of food

television sets, was announced in Paris by French Industry Minister Roger Fauroux.

The five year deal precedes an international meeting in Duesseldorf this month where delegates will try to set a uniform world standard for HDTV.

Neither NV Philips Gloeilam penfabrieken nor Thomson SA released statements on the deal but the Philips spokesman confirmed a report in the Londonbased Financial Times newspaper that the pact would complement the European Community's Eureka project to develop the new television system.

Philips shares opened 0.30 guilthe world's largest producer of ders higher at 33.80 before easing have this compatibility.

policies. Washington says agricultural

export subsidies, price supports

and import barriers distort trade

by favouring farmers at the ex-

pense of consumers, taxpayers

(EC), with almost five times as

many farmers as the United

States, has rejected the U.S. plan

the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and

set to finish at the end of the year.

Without taking sides in the

debate, the 488-page report con-report.

The European Community

and developing countries.

Report forecasts huge gains

if farm policies overhauled

to 33.60 in early trading after the HDTV news.

The Financial Times said the Philips-Thomson deal covered all HDTV development, including components, integrated circuits, flat screens, studio equipment and the sets.

Philips and Thomson in January announced a link-up with United States television network NBC and David Sarnoff Research Centre to develop HDTV for the U.S. market.

The European HDTV strategy calls for the introduction of the system offering compatibility with existing television sets. Japan's HDTV standard does not

reform would help both rich and

were overhauled.

poor nations and that it would be

dustrialised countries would

boost commodity prices by about

12 per cent, according to one of

the 15 separate papers in the

Prague joins cooperation group

particularly beneficial if program-VIENNA (AP) — Czechoslovames affecting all commodities kia Sunday formally joined Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia and Hun-"Liberalisation offers the world a potential dividend estigary in a regional cooperation group that is the only one in mated at well over \$200 billion a Europe to unite neutral, nonayear in savings to governments ligned, North Atlantic Treaty and their taxpayers — and food purchasers," the report said. Organisation (NATO) and Warsaw Pact nations. Farm policy reform in the in-

The foreign miniters of four nations and a high foreign ministry official from Hungary met in Vienna to discuss ways of furthering cooperation in transport, communications, the environment, culture and small

They then boarded a Danube river boat to sail to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for more

The organisation grew out of cooperation between border regions of Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria and Hungary that began 11 years ago in the "Alps-Adria"

These four nations decided to boost cooperation last fall, just before the peaceful revolution in Czechoslovakia that toppled the Communists and brought former dissidents such as Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jiri Dienstbier and President Vaclav Havel to

The decision to admit Czechoslovakia was taken in April. Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis and Yugoslavia's Budomor Loncar said Romania and Bulgaria also have applied to

Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock said Switzerland also would be welcome "if she wants to take part."

De Michelis, an active promoter of the cooperation with his eastern partners, stressed at a news conference that one aim of the organisation is to ensure that Western Europe considers the demands of region between the Adriatic, Alps and Danube.

He indicated there is a danger

that Organisations such as the European Community (EC) could become overly preoccupied with questions posed by German reunification, ignoring other re-

He said the five nations hope to be among the first to apply for investment grants to the new bank for European Development and Cooperation formally founded in Paris Saturday.

France's Attali to head bank for East Europe

--- French presidential adviser Jacques Attali was chosen Saturday to head a new development bank to revive the economies of Eastern Europe, and London was picked as its home, delegates said.

But the Netherlands and Beigium, furious at what they saw as a behind-the-scenes deal by the big powers, refused to accept majority vote at a meeting and said they might not sign the bank's statutes at a Paris ceremony set for May 29.

"It was not a formal vote," **Dutch Finance Ministry Spokes**man Jaap Weeda said of the count, which saw Attali and London selected by wide margins. Asked whether the Nether-

lands, which championed Amsterdam and former Dutch Finance Minister Onno Ruding, would join the bank, Weeda replied: "That depends. We have 10 days to think over our posi-

The squabbling was an inauspicious birth for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), conceived to help the economies of Eastern Europe rise from the ashes of 40 years of central planning. Smaller countries of the Euro-

pean Community (EC) were angered by a Franco-British deal struck earlier this month, with the consent of Italy and West Germany, to divide the spoils of the

Weeda said the resistance of the Dutch and the Belgians sent an important message. "A protest now and then puts a limit on the power of the big nations," he Cees Maas, treasury director at

the Dutch finance ministry, went further. The head of the bank should be chosen for his talents and not as a result of horsetrading, he told reporters. A senior French official.

however, said the vote was taken only after exhaustive debate among the bank's 42 shareholders on the best way to proceed. "We reflected for a long time, and when we voted there was a

clear majority in the first round he said.

Attali, special adviser to President François Mitterrand, won 32 of the 42 votes in a secret ballot, representing 86 per cent of the voting power weighted by capital contributions, while Ruding received only eight votes, delegates

pating in the bank, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank, abstained because of the divisions among the 12 EC members. In the ballot on the bank's

The two EC institutions partici-

beadquarters, London won 23 votes representing 71 per cent of the capital, delegates said.

Copenhagen and Amsterdam received five votes each, Vienna and Ljubljana in Yugoslavia got two, and there was one vote for Prague and Dublin. Three delegations abstained.

Attali first came up with the idea for the bank late last year as the decay of the East Bloc gathered pace, and he was always favoured to be its first head as a reward for getting the agency off the drawing board in a relatively

"Many people shared the feeling that France should get something out of this," a Nordic dele-

Experts will start work Sunday drafting the bank's rules and regdiations and plotting how best to help Eastern Europe revive its moribund economies.

Delegates have set a deadline of March 1991 to achieve the ratifications, by parliaments speaking for two-thirds of the voting power, needed for the bank actually to start lending.

The bank will have a capital of 10 billion European Currency Units (ECU) (about \$12.5 biltion) and will lend that amount over a five-year period. Sixty per cent of the loans will go to Eastern Europe's fledgling private sector and 40 per cent will be spent on road-building and other public works.

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Unity deals heavy blow to worried E. German farmers

The report by the Paris-based at global trade talks, held within

By Andrew Gumbel

Reuter EAST BERLIN - In battery farms all over East Germany, hundreds of thousands of pigs wait penned up in wire cages for a butcher's knife that never arrives.

The country's collective

farms are stockpiling about 30

million eggs they cannot sell. And vegetable growers have destroyed whole crops of leeks and other spring produce rather than let them rot in warehouses. The reason? Since the open-

ing of the borders last year and

the first stirrings of free trade, a flood of imports from the West has simply swept the East Germany's unwieldy centralised farming system was unable to keep pace. "Our own products, even when they are of similar standard, are just

not selling any more," Agriculture Minister Peter Pollack Farmers are distressed by the rapid transition to a market

economy their political masters have imposed. Like millions of their compatriots, many fear they will lose their land and livelihood after the economies of the two Germanys formally merge on July 2, with the West German

mark the official currency. Their worries look well founded. Pollack has predicted that a fifth of East Germany's 4.500 farms will be forced to close and about half will have to restructure with government

The minister also expects about half of the country's 800,000 farmers to lose their jobs in the next five years.

sion and speed of the unification process, they have no idea what well happen to them from one week to the next. "Farmers and smallbolders must be informed about ground rules for their work. such as taxes, subsidies, de-

velopment grants, minimum prices and quotas," a state-ment by leading farmers' associations said this week. The statement also complained that farmers had no idea whether their state-owned collectives would be sold off and if so to whom, if they would have to pay rent, or

what interest rate they would have to repay debts at. The farmers have attracted much public sympathy - in East Germany's local elections on May 6, farmers' groups took about six per cent of the

Asked at a news conference to specify how things would unfold after monetary union, Pollack acknowledged: "We have no experience of how

these things develop." "Everyone has to think harder how to market their products," he added, but gave few What Pollack has done is to

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in areas where East Germany is self-sufficient, such as dairy products and flour. They are, however, allowed

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But what worries farmers to import items lik aubergines the most is that, in the confuor oranges -- exciting novelties in a country notoriously lacking in a wide variety of fruit or vegetables. But the farmers complain

that these measures, brought in earlier this month, have not worked. "Sties are still packed with pigs, cattle and milk still undersold. The egg mountain hasn't stopped growing and vegetables have to be destroved or ploughed over," the statement said.

East Germans, long deprived of many consumer goods, have gone on a buying craze for anything Western - even for things as simple as yoghurt or biscuits which were always readily available.

a chance. "All people are interested in is the West, the West, that's all you hear about." one disgruntled farmer told state televi-

East Germany also has a

long way to go to restructure a

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and neither fighter ever appeared hort in the fight, which saw Whitaker spend most of his time

Mint issues World Cup coins

SPORTS IN BRIEF

ROME (AP) - The Italian mint has issued two special silver

coins commemorating the World Cup soccer tournament which

will be played in 12 Italian cities starting June 8. World Cup souvenir collectors can purchase a set of two coins, with an image

of the prize cup and a dove, symbolising world peace, engraved on each side of the coins. The two limited edition coins are a

BELGRADE (R) - Red Star Belgrade beat Hajduk Split 1-0

Satury in the Yngoslav Cup soccer final to clinch the cup and

league double in a match free of expected crowd trouble.

Yngoslav international striker Darko Pancev scored the only goal

in the 13th minute. No serious incidents were reported off the

prich despite police fears of a recurrence of the violence which disfigured last Sunday's league match between Red Star and Dynamo Zagreb. About 140 people were injured in clashes

between fans from Serbum team Red Star and Dynamo Zagreb

MISANO ADRIATICO, Italy (R) — Spaniard Jorge Martinez

won the Italian 125cc motorcycle grand prix Saturday to leap from

fourth to first place in the overall standings. The Spaniard leads

the world championship on 40 points, one more than Japan's Koji Takada, who finished fifth. West German Stefan Prein, the

overall leader before the race, crashed out when Italian Doriano

Romboni, also on a Honda, clipped his rear wheel in a left curve.

OXFORD, England (R) - Roger Bennister, first to smash the

four-minute mile, watched his 36-year-old track record broken by

an Oxford student Saturday. Bannister, who clocked his time of three minnes 59.4 seconds at Oxford's Iffley Road on May 6,

1954, said he had no regrets as Simon Mugglestone finished in 3:58.9. Bannister's original world mile record lasted only 46 days before Australian John Landy bettered it.

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Red Star clinches Yugoslav Cup

Only in the 12th round, when Nelson caught Whitaker early lightweight titles for the fourth with two right hands and Whitaker came back with two good lefts of his own, did the fighters trade third world title in as manytelling blows. But Whitaker again backed off and spent the final minutes of the fight staying away from Nelson's wild right hands.

Judge Dalby Shirley had Whitaker winning 116-111, judge Harry Gibbs had it 116-114 and Sid Nathan had Whitaker ahead 32-2. Whitak 115-113. The Associated Press mark to 22-1.

Whitaker defended his World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation

It was the first loss in the last 12 title fights for Nelson, the WBC 130-pound (59 kilo) champion, and his first defeat in nearly eight years. The Ghana fighter fell to 32-2. Whitaker improved his

move up in weight and win his

weight classes.

Portland makes NBA's 'final four'

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) -Portland took advantage of a crucial breakaway foul call late in overtime to beat San Antonio 108-105 in the deciding seventh game to become one of our teams remaining in the National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs.

The Trail Blazers open the Western Conference finals against the Phoenix Suns Monday night at Portland.

Terry Porter led Portland with 36 points and nine assists, while Clyde Drexler added 22 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. Drexler made five free throws in the final 26 seconds of overtime.

San Antonio, which lost its 13th straight in Portland and its second straight in overtime, was led by Terry Cummings with 27 points. David Robinson, who had only two points at halftime, finished with 20 points and 16 rebounds.

The game was tied at 103-103 and San Antonio was working for the go-ahead basket with less than 30 seconds to play when Rod Strickland's no-look pass headed out of bounds on the Spurs' base-

But Portland's Jerome Kersey saved the ball and threw an offbalance length-of-the-court pass to Drexler, who was fouled from behind by Strickland with 26 seconds to go.

Drexler, who scored 16 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, made the two free throws and Portland got the ball out of bounds on the breakaway call, Drexler was fouled again and 107-103 with 16 second remain-

Cumming made two free throws with 9.1 seconds to play and Drexler sank one of two with 7.3 seconds remaining, giving San Antonio a chance at the gametying shot.

But Porter stole Reggie Williams' inbounds pass to preserve the victory. Kersey had 21 points and 15

rebounds Saturday for Portland, while Buck Williams added 12 points and 15 rebounds. Willie Anderson scored 20

Even if West held the ten of points for the Spurs. clubs, the contract would not be guaranteed. That defender would Portland centre Kevin Duckworth was a surprise starter, playhave to hold at least one of the high ing just two weeks after breaking chabs as well for the contract to a bone in his right hand. Backup centre Wayne Cooper also played Now look at the spade suit. Supafter missing three games with pose declarer were to win the first trick in dummy and immediately fi-

& eight o'clock.

to Tirol

DUBLIN (R) - Tirol earned the title of Europe's top miler Saturday with a hard fought victory in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

The 5-4 favourite, ridden by Irishman Pat Eddery, became only the third colt in racing history to land the England and Irish 2,000 Guineas Double by narrowly defeating 4-1 shot Royal Academy and Lotus Pool, a 14-1 chance.

The race had been billed as an epic rematch between Tirol and French colt Machiavellian, who fought out the finish of the English 2,000 Guineas at Newmar-

But Tirol, a real battler with guts to match his ability, proved the better colt once more and Machiavellian could never really get in an effective challenge down the daunting long straight at the

Tirol overtook long-time leader Dickens Lane two furlongs from the finish and set sail for home with a vengeance.

Royal Academy headed him briefly in the final furlong but Tirol, given a couple of cracks of the whip by Eddery, stuck his head down, battled back bravely and regained the advantage to scoop the \$220,000 prize.

Roars of delight greeted Tirol in the unsaddling enclosure when his ebullient owner, cork businessman John Horgan, was joined by his 11 brothers and sisters to celebrate in style. "Isn't he a hell of a horse? He

really is a tough one to get by. He really can pull out the gears eb?" a beaming Horgan told reporters amid the good-natured mayhem of an impromptu family sing

Eddery, now riding full-time in England, was partnering his third Irish 2,000 Guineas winner. Right Tack in 1969 and Don't Forget Me in 1987 were the only other colts to complete the notable English-Irish Guineas Double.

about 40 pounds (18 kilogrammes) from a tough racing schedule and who bled from the nostrils Friday, beat Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled by two and 1/4 lengths to win the 115th Preakness Stakes with a driving finish Saturday.

Mister Frisky, the Florida-bred colt who racked up a 16-0 record mostly on tracks in Puerto Rico before finishing a surprising eighth in the Kentucky Derby, was third Saturday to the disappointment of horse players who had bet him down to 2-1 by post time.

Summer Squall also went off at 2-1, the second choice behind favourite Unbridled, who was 8-

After Summer Squail's second place in the Kentucky Derby, his handlers announced they would not run the three-year-old colt in New York's Belmont Stakes, the final leg of racing's triple crown, on June 9.

They said that decision was due to the tough campaign the small colt has been through and believed by some to prevent Derby. bleeding.

W. Cothran Campbell, managing owner of the 28-member syndicate which owns Summer Squall, said his horse would run in the Breeders' Cup in New York in October.

"Today he stayed in the game and finished his race and kept his concentration," said winning jockey Pat Day, who before the May Kentucky Derby had the choice of riding Unbridled or Summer Squall. This is a very courageous

Day who finished second in last year's Preakness aboard Easy Goer. Summer Squali has struggled to

overcome several obstacles in his young career.

"He's not big, he's not beauti-

Last August he suffered a hairline fracture of a leg. In February he bled from the nostrils in a workout which set back his training schedule for the Spring Classics. His handlers then pushed the

"I wanted my horse to run his race and I wanted Unbridled to run his race and see which horse was the best, and I think we found that out today," Day said.

Fighting Notion, a 50-1 shot, broke out of the number five hole next to Unbridled and jumped to the lead, which he held on the rail through 3/4 of a mile before tiring at the top of the stretch of the mile and 3/16ths race.

As is often the case with a tiring horse, Fighting Notion started to drift further off the rail, leaving Day -- who was on the inside by then - and Unbridled's ful, but he's all race horse," said jockey, Craig Perret, the choice of going inside or outside.

Day, laying third at the turn, shot to the inside and blew by Fighting Notion. Today when he came through

said "He wanted it." Perret, with nowhere else to go, went outside but could not

Summer Squall win \$445,900 for there he was hunting for it," Day the victory over the fast track. make up the ground down the

Unbridled earned \$137,200, Mister Frisky \$68,600 and Music Prospector picked up \$34,300 for stretch and crossed the finish line fourth place.

Mister Frisky broke from the

outside post in the nine-horse

race and streaked across the track

to run third until the 1/4-mile

marker when he moved up to

second before fading to third in

it was just a matter of who could

kick the hardest and I know my

horse can kick hard," Day said.

bridled, he was still putting forth

effort. But it wasn't like he was

Carl Nafzger, who trains Un-bridled for 92-year-old owner

Frances Genter, would not criti-

cise Perret for going outside.
"If Pat wouldn't have got

through, he would have looked

like a dummy. If he got through

he looks like a genius," Nagzger

said. "His horse ran a terrific

A crowd of \$6,531 watched

"When he got away from Un-

"Coming off the turn ... I knew

the stretch.

really digging."

Airlines staff show talent in squash games

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Petra Royal Jordanian Squash Tournament, which is currently taking place at Al Hussein Sports City and the Royal Automobile Club under the Patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan entered a new stage Sunday.

The final results since May 17, culminating with Sunday's games are: Sabena beat RJ 3-0, BA defeated Quatus 2-1, Kuwait Airways won over BA 2-1 and over Finn Air 3-0 and Qantas beat Finn Air In women's games, BA beat Quetas 2-0 and beat Lufthansa 2-0.

PIA had more than a win Saturday winning over RJ 3-0 and over Lufthansa and Sabena also 3-0 each. Sabena, meanwhile beat

The games in the men's singles and women's singles earlier produced the following winners respectively: 1- Farhan Samihuliah, PIA

2- Zubeir Khan, PIA 3- Hamed Al Saed, RJ.

1- Gonia Jaffer, BA

2- Margaret Jukes, BA 3- Saskia Van Harran RJ.

The tournament, which features all airline staff and ends May 22, is open free of charge to the public.

Kaiserslautern wins West German Cup

WEST BERLIN (R) - Three be heading for European glory Kaiserslautern win the West German Cup soccer final for the first time with a 3-2 victory over Wer-

der Bremen Saturday. Bruno Labbadia struck in the 19th and 26th minutes, then a 30th minute header by Stefan Kuntz gave the underdogs a commanding 3-0 lead.

Although Werder replied with econd half efforts from Frank Neubarth and Manfred Burgsmueller, they could not avoid defeat in the final for the second consecutive year.

Labbadia's first goal came from a clever move, Markus Schupp floating over a corner which defender Kay Friedmann backheaded on for the unmarked Labbadia to head home.

The defeat capped a disappointing season for Werder who a few months ago looked to been picked for Italy."

ders Napoli out of the UEFA

But their season quickly crumbled. They were knocked out of the UEFA Cup in the semifinals and finished seventh in the first division, missing out on a place in Europe next year.

The victory was some consolation to Kuntz, one of the most prolific scorers in the Bundesliga this season.

Kuntz, whose header virtually sealed the match, was not selected in Franz Beckenbauer's squad for next month's World Cup finals in Italy despite his 15

league goals.
"I am happy that Kaiserslautern have finally won the cup," he said afterwards. "I hope all of Germany can now see that it would have been better if I had

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Seles

WEST BERLIN (R) - Yugoslav teenager Monica Seles's challenge for the pinnacle of women's tennis picked up pace dramatically Sunday when she beat world number one Steffi Graf 6-4 6-3 in the final of the West Berlin tournament.

A week after humiliating American world number two Martina Navratilova 6-1 6-1 in the Italian Open final, the 16-yearold world number three took just over an hour to dispose of Graf with a superb display of powerful ground strokes on the slow clay surface.

The victory broke Graf's remarkable run of 66 matches without defeat just a week before the start of the French Open.

Muster clinches Italian Open crown

ROME (R) — Thomas Muster capped a remarkable comeback from serious injury when he won the Italian Open tennis title Sunday, beating Andrei Chesnokov to avenge defeat by the Soviet player in last month's Monte Carlo Open final. Muster attended last year's Ita-

lian Open in crutches two months after he had been hit by a car in Florida but returned to the Foro Italico in style to clinch the biggest win of his career. The Austrian secured his third

title of the year and the eighth of his career by defeating Chesno-kov 6-1 6-3 6-1. Chesnokov was never allowed

to settle into a rhythm by his busy opponent, who attacked at every opportunity and sewed up the match in just under two hours. Tenth seed Muster was in irresistible form and gave eighth-

seeded Chesnokov no chance. 'Thomas played unbelievably well today." Chesnokov said. Chesnokov attributed his poor match in part to his energy-sapping semifinal against Emilio Sanchez Vicario of Spain which

lasted more than three hours and finished near midnight Saturday.

Muster, who defeated third seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the semifinals, collected \$161,000 for winning the title. Chesnokov, who ousted de-

fending champion Alberto Mancini of Argentina on his way to the final, earned \$85,000 as תט-זישתותות בער



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1st hurdle reportedly cleared For South Africa-ANC talks

IOHANNESBURG (R) — The South African government and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) have cleared a major hurdle obstructing serious negotiations on a new non-racial constitution, it was reported Sunday.

Government and ANC officials sharing.

vine to establish a procedure for In addition to indications the trying to establish a procedure for releasing political prisoners have group had made progress, there made remarkable progress and will report back to their leaders Monday, the Johannesburg Sunday Times said, quoting a highlyplaced source. "It will be all systems go," the

source said. The joint working group was established under the Groote Schuur minute, issued on May 4 after three days of historic talks

between teams led by Mandela and President F.W. De Klerk. The group was given a Monday deadline to work out an acceptable plan for releasing ANC political prisoners, a sticking point in progress towards talks on power-

was speculation that the ANC and the Zimbabwe government were close to a deal on the release of a South African spy and six

wean jails for guerrilla attacks against the ANC. Their release would make it easier for Pretoria to reciprocate by freeing jailed ANC activists,

other activists held in Zimbab-

political sources said. Reports in Harare indicated that President Robert Mugabe might act this week to release the pro-Pretoria prisoners.

The Groote Schuur group is now expected to turn to other thorny issues — considered easier

to resolve than the prisoner release - including the repatriation of some 22,000 ANC members living in exile, a review of security laws and an end to a four-year-old state of emergency.

The government announced Saturday that 38 leading ANC members in exile would be granted a three-month indemnity from prosecution if they were to

A Justice Department spokeswoman said the indemnity deadline, which expires on Aug. 19, should be seen as a temporary measure to satisfy immediate re-

She said further announcenents could be made later, but declined to elaborate.

Mandela, on an African tour, said Saturday in Cairo he was prepared to consider a "cessation of hostilities" if De Klerk took what he called serious steps to dismantle apartheid.

He told reportes this did not mean an end to the armed struggle, the key concession on constitutional reform can be made.

Mandela's conciliatory remark was seen as a sign that the ANC was preparing to abandon its policy of waging a guerrilla campaign against South African targets until the last vestiges of apartheid had disappeared.

The ANC, wary of De Klerk's favourable reception during his current European tour, will be involved in important meetings this week with white South African interest groups.

Mandela will meet about 500 top businessmen Wednesday to discuss the economy in a postapartheid South Africa.

Top South African military experts will fly to Lusaka later in the week for talks with leaders of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation).

Contras to continue surrender

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) --The government said Saturday that Nicaraguan rebels will contimue to surrender their weapons, despite a top rebel military commander's claim to the contrary.

Rebel Commander Israel Galeano had said Friday the disarmament process was suspended. But a communique issued Saturday night by President Violeta Chamorro said the government coordinator of disarmament, former rebel leader Roberto Ferrey, has received assurances from other rebel chiefs that they will step up the

Alejandro Acevedo, a spokesman for the rebels - known as contras - said in Miami that Galeano's statements had been "deauthorised" by the contras' general staff.

The rebels' conflicting statements show there is a split among top officers on whether to proceed with the disarmament, which had been promised in several agreements the contras signed earlier this year. Whether the rebel foot soldiers continue to surrender their weapons depends on which commanders have their

lovalty. The disarmament acords

helped assure a peaceful transition of government on April 25 when Chamorro was inaugu-: rated, replacing President Daniel Ortega and ending a decade of rule by the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front.

The U.S.-backed rebels had tried in vain for almost a decade to overthrow the Sandinistas. who lost the Feb. 25 elections to

Chamorro's opposition coalition. Although the contras agreed to disarm by June 10, only 1,084 of about 11,000 fighters had given up their weapons by Saturday, the government said.

Galeano said in a communique Friday the disarmament process would be halted "indefinitely, as long as the climate of uncertainty and social instability provoked by the Sandinistas persists in the country."

He was apparently referring to a paralysing Sandinista-led strike by public employees last week that resulted in the strikers winning almost everything they had

The presidential communique said the contra high command told Ferrey Friday that three rebel officers will oversee the dis-

Commander Oscar Sobalvarro, also known as Commander Ruben, will coordinate the disarmament, the communique said. Sobalvarro signed a March 23 demobilisation agreement as an official negotiator for the contras.

Galeano signed another demobi-

lisation plan on May 4 with the

Ferrey said he assured contra leaders "the government remains steadfast in its commitment to give them all the guarantees and

security measures they require." "At no time has the demobilisation and disarmament process been suspended," Ferrey said

Chamorro in her communique called on the Nicaraguan people to support "the demobilised and disarmed that have been integrated into civilian life ... in order to contribute to the pacification of the country."

The statement said disarmament of another anti-Sandinista roup, Yatama, would begin Monday. Most of Yatama's combatants are Miskito Indians who occasionally fought alongside the

U.S. aide in Pakistan restraint

on Kashmir ISLAMABAD (Agencies) -United States envoy Robert Gates arrived in Pakistan Sunday for talks on the worsening Kash-mir dispute with India after failing to catch up with Prime Minis ter Benazir Bhutto on her whirl-

wind tour of Islamic countries. Gates, U.S. deputy national security adviser, planned to meet Bhutto in the North Yemen capital Sanaa Saturday but her schedule was too tight, a U.S. embas-

sy spokesman said. He will try again to meet her after talks in New Delhi Monday with Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh. Tunisia, last stop on Bhutto's eight-nation tour to drum up support for her Kashmir policy, is the most likely veaue.

Gates is heading a high level U.S. delegation to try to persuade Pakistan and India to step back contras against the Sandinistas. | from the brink of war.

Colombian election campaign ends

BOGOTA (R) — In a siege-like atmosphere of bombings and murders, Colombia's presidential candidates are winding up their campaigns for an election which will decide the future of the gov-

ernment's war on drug barons. Fear of assassination following the murder of three presidential aspirants in nine months drove several leading candidates to shy away from public appearances to seek votes in the May 27 poll.

Police blame drug barons for a series of car bomb blasts which have punctuated the campaign, killing more than 60 people, and the murder of 50 policemen in the drug centre of Medellin.

The violence has forced candidates to campaign mainly on radio and television. When they do go out, they are surrounded by a ring of anxious bodyguards with

pistols at the ready. Leading candidates planned rallies in the capital, Bogota, Sunday, the official close of the campaign. Cesar Gaviria, the rul-ing Liberal Party's candidate, who has received death threats, will appear in a closed hall under

tight security. Voters will decide the future of President Virgilio Barco's ninemonth-old assault on the billiondollar drug trade, which has plunged Colombia into a war with traffickers who supply 80 per cent of cocaine used in the United

Barco began the drug crackdown in August last year after gunmen believed to have been hired by drug-traffickers shot dead Liberal presidential hopeful Luis Carlos Galan. Two left-wing presidential candidates have been killed since March.

Gaviria, the favourite to win. would continue Barco's crusade. But most other candidates say Colombia is paying too high a price in the drug war and must consider alternatives.

Some politicians and analysts say not only the drug war but Colombian democracy itself is at stake in the election.

Eduardo Pizarro, a sociologist and brother of murdered leftwing candidate Carlos Pizarro, said drug violence benefited extreme right-wingers. He said he feared a serious attack hefore the elections could lead to an authoritarian right-wing takeover.

Despite the drug issue, the campaign has been low-key. Voters in a country where abstention traditionally ranges between 40 and 60 per cent, appear more interested in the Colombian soccer team's first appearance in the World Cup for 28 years next month than in the election.

After Pizarro's murder, the government gave candidates more time on radio and televi-

Twelve candidates are contesting the elections but only four

have significant support.

The last published opinion poll, in the liberal El Tiempo newspaper last month, predicted Gaviria, a 43-year-old economist and former interior minister, would win 60 per cent of the vote.

The Liberal Party's traditional challenger, the Social Conservative Party, is split. Official candidate Rodrigo Lloreda polled 13 per cent in the survey while breakaway candidate Alvaro Gomez registered 18.3 per cent.

The other significant force is the leftist former guerrilla group M-19, with about 4.3 per cent of voter support.

Lioreda and Gomez are both critical of Colombia's anti-drug strategy. Lloreds says the government should have accepted the drug barons' surrender offer last. January and Gomez has proposed legalising drugs as a solution.

Meanwhile police seized over

1.360 kilograms of cocaine in northern Colombia while gunmen murdered three more police officers in Medellin apparently as part of a terrorist campaign blamed on drug traffickers, police said

A special antinercotics police unit found the coceine Friday when they raided a processing laboratory near the town of Puerto Triunfo, 120 kilometres north of Bogota, a police communique

Police also seized ether, acetone and other chemicals used to make cocaine as well as processing equipment, the communique said.

The three Medellin police officers were killed in separate attacks late Saturday by gunmen who then fled, a police communique said.

In the last eight days, 20 police officers have been murdered in the city, the base of the Medellin cartel. Police have said the cartel is paying over \$4,000 for each police officer killed.

South Korean radicals battle police in Kwangju

KWANGIU, South Korea (R)—
More than 8,000 South Korean radicals battled riot police with bricks and petrol bombs in the centre of Kwangju Sunday in the realized amoving trains to evade a problem of the statement of the statemen southwestern city in at least three

Huge groups, mainly dissident students, fought with police guarding main road junctions in the provincial capital which has drawn radicals from all over the country to commemorate a 1980

The streets west of the provincial capitol building, where workers and students had planned a protest march, were strewn with rocks and broken glass from petrol bombs, and sprayed white with tear gas powder.
One observer said it was the

worst fighting in Kwangju since 1987 when nationwide protests forced the government to grant democratic reforms.

The rest of the country was quiet, however, with all the protest centred in Kwangju, 260 kilometres southwest of Seoul.

The demonstrations were called to mark the 10th anniversary the uprising in Kwangju in May 1980, which the army crushed after 10 days, killing about 200 by

official count. Dissidents and Kwangin citizens say the number was much higher. The circumstances and final deal death toll of what residents call the "Kwangju massacre" have never been acceptably clarified, making the incidest an emotive political issue among many South Koreans.
Police across the country have

been put on maximum alert and thousands of students around the country have been detained --and most released within hours —

worst violence in the volatile police railway station cordon southwestern city in at least three Radical student, leaders have vowed to avenge the death of Shin who will be buried on

Wednesday in Kwangju. Yonhap news agency said police at one neighbourhood police post in eastern Kwangju Sunday fired 30 warning shots in the air to drive away a crowd of about a thousands stone-throwing nectesters.

In the central city violence groups of one to two thousand students, thoustly throwing rocks, attacked hundreds of police guarding major road junctions.

The police seemed unusually reluctant to arrest anyone, although the protest was illegal and students did not try to overpower the vulnerable police despite their much greater numbers.

Early in the fighting, police caught about 22 students and forced them into kneeling position on the street. But they let them after ordinary citizens started arguing with them.

"Think about the Kwangju massacre, that's why these young people are protesting. How can you keep them, let them go," one older man pleaded with the

While students fought police in the streets, passersby on side alleyways broke up bricks for students to throw and cheered from the sidelines.

Although the confrontation was carefully structured to avoid serious injury, witnesses saw one man, in his first year at a Taegu University, with his arm mjured by a policeman's steel pipe.

Taiwanese president calls for better ties with China

TAIPEI (AP) — President Lee Teng-Hui in his inaugural address Sunday urged better relations with Peking as a step toward reunification of Taiwan and China and ordered some political prisoners released from jail.

For the first time, a Taiwanese president publicly indicated a desire to drop the country's 40-yearold China policy known as the "three nos" - no official contact, no negotiations and no com-

Lee, who was elected president in April by the National Assembly, proposed establishing "chan-nels of communication" with China, including academic, cultural. economic, trade, scientific and technological exchanges to "lay a foundation of mutual respect, peace and prosperity.

"We hope then, when objec-tive conditions are ripe, we will be able to discuss the matter of our national reunification," he

But Lee said before such rela-tions could be established, Peking must renounce the use of force against Taiwan, end its policy of isolating Taiwan diplomatically, and promote democracy and a free economic system in China.

Lee's Nationalist Chinese government has been based on the island of Taiwan since losing a civil war to Communist forces on the Chinese mainland in 1949.

The Nationalists still claim to be the rightful government of all China, and Peking regards Taiwan as renegade province.

While Peking previously bas indicated it would not meet the conditions set by Lee, the speech clearly was designed to reflect Taipei's desire to gradually improve relations.

The president also expressed a desire to end within two years the "mobilisation for the suppression of the Communist rebellion," which dates from 1948. The decree has ensured the Nationalists' monopoly on power by stipulating that legislators elected before 1949 on the Chinese mainland must stay in office until they can reelection.

This has presented obstacles to expanding relations with China and introducing democratic reforms in Taiwan.

Lee's address included a twoyear timetable for bringing more democracy to Taiwan. He restored civil rights to previously jailed leaders of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, who had been barred from running for office.

But his recent nomination of a four-star general as the new premier has led opposition politi-cians and intellectuals to question the government's commitment to democratisation.

About 10,000 people, including students and opposition party members, staged a noisy protest march through the streets of Taipei Sunday to denounce Lee's choice of Gen. Hau Pei-Tsun as

"Although President Lee has proposed democratic reforms. Hau is a military strongman opposed to pluralism," said student leader Chin Yu-Ping as protesters marched from a downtown park to the sound of gongs and drams.

No more student arrests, Chinese party chief says

PEKING (R). China's security dismay at the brutality of the forces have stopped hunting students who took part in last year's political unrest, Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin said, in an' Sunday.

Diplomats in Peking said

Jiang's remarks were the latest in a series of conciliatory statements made by Chinese leaders to try to day, Premier Li Peng said the persuade Western governments to lift their sanctions. "We have completely given up

our pursuit of students who took part in demonstrations and strikes," Jiang said, his words broadcast by Japan's NHK public television network on the first anniversary of the imposition of

martial law in Peking.
"We are taking a liberal approach in dealing with the violators." he told visiting Japanese reporters last week. Jiang, who took over as party

leader after the army crushed mass pro-democracy demonstrations in Peking last June, urged Japan to resume friendly relations with China.

In coordination with most Western nations, Japan froze officials loans and stopped high level visits to China to express its

slaughter in Peking

Restoration of ties with Japan is crucial for China because interview broadcast in Japan. Tokyo has postponed the release of an agreed five-year loan worth \$10 billion yen (\$5.6 billion). In a tougher statement simed

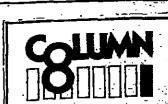
at China's home audience Sunsecurity forces would be beefed up with new equippment and political education while the country continued to open to the outside world.

"We must continuously enhance the quality of the political and professional work of the security forces and improve equipment for the police," Li said, quoted on the front page of the party newspaper People's

On May 20 last year, tens of thousands of people poured into the streets of the Chinese capital to block convoys of troops sent to are timeless," said Claudie Lichenforce martial law and end prodemocracy protests.

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seers enjoying a day off. 24-year-old-fan.



Goddard leaves \$20m to university

'NEW YORK (AP) - Actress Paulette Goddard left New York University (NYU) more than \$20 million and the papers of her late husband, novelist Erich Maria Remarque, the university said. Miss Goddard, who died on April 23 in Switzerland, endowed seven new professorships with \$1.2 million each, NYU President John Brademas said. They are in film, urban planning, creative writing, literature, European studies, languages and political economy. In addition, here bequest provided-three \$1 million scholarships, \$3 million to establish a fund to attract and assist junior faculty and \$7 million for a special endowment, Brademas said. The university plans to name a residence hall for Miss Goddard.

Depardieu will travel to Moscow

PARIS (AP) - Gerard Depardieu, star of the multi-million dollar blockbuster film Cyrano, will travel to Moscow in June to promote the film adapted from Edmond Rostand's theatre classic. Director by Jean-Paul Rappeneau, the 100-million-franc Cyrano is France's most expensive production ever, and stars Depardieu as the long-nosed dreamer who breathes his passionand poetry into the empty head of a simple soldier to woo the beautiful Roxanne. It was Depardieu's 60th film role, and critics agreed it was his best.

Brando's son pleads not quilty

LOS ANGELES (R) -- Christian Brando, 32-year-old son of actor Marlon Brando, pleaded not guilty in a packed courtroom to the murder of his half sister's boyfriend in a shooting described by a defence lawyer as a tragic accident. Brando, who could be sentenced to 25-years-to-life imprisconnent if found guilty of the murder of Dag Drollet, was also chared with possessing a machine gun without a licence, and a silencer. Drollet, 26, a native of Tahiti who had gone out with Brando's half sister, 20-year-old Chevenne Brando, for a year. was shot late Wednesday with what a coroner's spokesman said was a single shot to the head and the neck. The weapon was believed to be a revolver. A distraught Marlon Brando tried to give Drollet mouth-to-mouth resuscitation before telephoning for the police, lawyers said.

Hawke recovering from surgery

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) -Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke was resting comfortably in a hospital Saturday after undergoing prostate surgery, a government spokesman said. The 60-year-old prime minister had a small non-cancerous growth removed from his prostate gland during a one-nour operation Friday at St. Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney. A local anasthetic was used. The spokesman said Hawke was "quite comfortable" and cheerful Saturday following a good night's sleep. The spokesman said there were no complications from the surgery. Hawke is expected to stay in the hospital until the middle of next week and will then rest at his home in Canberra for a week. Federal Treasurer Paul Keating is acting prime minister while Hawke, who recently was re-elected to a reoperation,

Rolling Stones start European tour

ROTTERDAM (R) - The Rolling Stones opened their first European tour for eight years in Rotterdam; playing a fiery rendition of "start me up" to 50,000 fans, many of them a generation younger than their rock idols. The veteran group is scheduled to appear in 13 West European countries in the next three months but may extend the tour to include the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and other East European nations, an official from CBS Records and Mick Jagger, in a flaring red military coat and matching red socks, emerged from behind a dozenexploding torches to take com-mand of the crowd at Rotterdam's Feyenoord Stadium. On stage, the same impash energy that endeared him to crowds in the 1960s was attracting a new generation. The Rolling Stones same year the band was formed — 1963. "I grew up on the stones. striking students, Tiananmen My parents listened to them and my older brothers," said another

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